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BEVIN CONFERRING WITH ATTLEE

London, Aug. 25.
The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, who arrived in London from Paris this afternoon, will be believed in informed quarters here, have as his main purpose a talk this weekend with the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee on the following questions:

'Queen Emma' Demobbed

London, Aug. 25.
H.M.S. "Queen Emma," night raider and assault ship during the days of invasion, has completed her last mission as a naval vessel. After 120,000 miles of sailing to enemy-held coasts from Iceland to Indo-China, she has returned to Flushing, the port from which she escaped when the Germans swept across Holland in 1940. She is to be converted for the Harwich-Hook of Holland passenger service.

"Queen Emma" carried shock troops and armoured invasion craft wherever mischief was to be made on enemy beaches. Lofoten islanders remember her in the first great raid of the war; Penang cheered her and her sister ship, "Princess Beatrice," the first ships to bring British Forces back to Malaya; Saigon remembers her relief of the city last September with the battleship "Richelieu"; while Malta saw her lead the vanquished Italian Fleet into the Grand Harbour.

During her most dangerous days in the Mediterranean, when she was under repeated attack from Sicily, Allied soldiers in Algeria used to lay bets on her chances of surviving each trip. She has had a long war, as she has operated in Java since the Japanese capitulated. During her war service, she carried tens of thousands of spearhead troops of all the Allied countries.

Penicillin Not Only Great Discovery

Glasgow, Aug. 25.
While the public eye has been held by such outstanding discoveries as penicillin, the laboratories of Britain's manufacturing chemists have been turning out many other preparations of great value to the doctor. Research, continuing all through the war, has indeed been stimulated by it. Makers of medical equipment, surgical instruments and apparatus have been perfecting new devices and improving former products.

Many of these have been seen at the Medical Exhibition opened recently in Glasgow. It was the first of its kind to be held since the outbreak of the war, and leading firms from all over Britain placed before the medical profession the results of seven years' work.

These included, among a host of others too technical for description here, such items as a water-cooled lamp for the application of ultra-violet rays with self-contained unit independent of water mains, and a concentrated extract of rice bran forming a palatable elixir containing all the factors of the Vitamin B Complex.

SOVIET RUSSIA'S NEW "PURGE"

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half of the leading Party workers during the past 18 months. The Litvinoff story also announced the appointment of Deputy Foreign Ministers Malik, former Soviet Ambassador to Japan, and Gusev, former Soviet Ambassador to Britain and Canada.

The latter has been a member of Molotov's immediate staff in recent conferences. Both Malik and Gusev are young men who have risen rapidly to power and authority during the war and the period thereafter.

"Pravda's" disclosure of the Ukraine shakedown quoted the report by Nikolai Krushchev, chairman of the Ukrainian Council of Ministers and head of the Ukraine Communist Party.

It said that many workers had been picked too quickly and carelessly and were released as soon as their shortcomings became evident.

Krushchev, in his report, listed their faults as "ideological weak-

1. The situation created by the refusal of Britain, the United States and Turkey to agree to the Soviet proposals for a revision of the status of the Black Sea straits.
2. The crisis with Yugoslavia.
3. The lack of progress at the Paris conference.

One result of Mr. Bevin's return may be a final decision on the question of Jewish representation at the forthcoming London conference on Palestine, due to be held in the first ten days of September.

These questions and the general international situation which results from them may be discussed at the Cabinet meeting on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Another reason for Mr. Bevin's return from Paris is understood to be the Egyptian situation.

The negotiations in Cairo are in a state of suspense, which neither party has formally announced as a breakdown. Mr. Bevin was at pains to make it clear to the Egyptian Ambassador in London that if the Egyptians wanted an alliance with Britain, they must grant Britain a position in which she can fulfil it. He probably pointed out that while the Egyptian Government emphasises the necessity of meeting Egyptian public opinion, the British Government also has public opinion to consider.—Reuter.

C.P.Os. Mess Competitions

The distribution of prizes for the monthly indoor competitions of the Chief Petty Officers' Mess of H.M.S. Tamar was held yesterday when Capt. Gwinner presented the "belts" to the winners. Other officers present were Cdr. Allison, L/Cdr. Summerville, Lt. Jennings and Surgeon/Lt. Tringham.

The "beer swilling" competition between members of the Mess and the Officers resulted in a win for the former by just a few "gulps". The following were the winners of the month's competition:—Darts:—1. C.E.A. Pharoah, 2. C. Y. S. Denney, 3. Cribb, 4. C. Y. S. Denney, 2. C. E. R. A. Pharoah. Shove Half-penny:—1. C.E.A. Wagstaff, 2. M. A. A. Boniface, 3. Uckers (Ludo). C. E. O. Potter and C. P. O. Barrett, 2. C. Y. S. Farnell, and C. E. R. A. Dowsett.

PONY ONLY 17 INCHES HIGH

Sydney, Aug. 25.
A miniature Shetland pony, 17 inches high, was born in Surry Hills, Sydney, Australia. The pony has been named Bonnie, by her three-year-old owner Dick Green. Bonnie is so small that Dick is able to nurse her. Bonnie's father, "Pompey" is well-known in the city where he is used to collect money for charity. Bonnie and her mother and father are all jet black with long woolly hair.—Reuter.

Paris, Aug. 25.
Captain William Crombie and Lieutenant Donald McNew of the United States plane which was forced down in Yugoslavia on Aug. 9, arrived in Paris this afternoon and saw Mr. James Byrnes, United States Secretary of State, in his apartment at the Hotel Meurice. They talked with him for more than an hour.—Reuter.

nooses" and in some cases, untrustworthiness. "Pravda's" editorial, commenting on Krushchev's report, said there had been instances where Party workers had wrongfully been convicted with industrial leaders to keep quiet the shortcomings of industrial establishments. It said that in exchange for their silence, the Party men were given consumer's goods and other

SPORTS SECTION

England Do Well To Draw International

2nd H.K. Win Shield

Good sport and keen competition were witnessed at Lady Park Club yesterday when the Hong Kong Scouts held their first post-war aquatic sports.

A long and varied programme of events was carried out, though several events had to be cancelled owing to lack of time. The club premises were crowded with scouts from all troops and there was no lack of cheering.

At the conclusion of the sports Mr. T. R. Rowell, Director of Education, presented the certificates to the successful competitors.

The 2nd Hong Kong (Catholic Cathedral) group won both the Inter-troop Challenge Shield, presented by Mr. G. A. Pentreath, and the Inter-Crew Challenge Shield, presented by the Catholic Centre and Sunday Examiner.

Results

The following were the results: Two Lengths Breast-stroke (Troop):—1. V. Barradas (2nd H.K.); 2. Mak Wing Cheung (7th H.K.); 3. Au Chi-yin (13th H.K.). Time: 57 2/5 secs.

Two Lengths Breast-stroke (Crew):—1. G. Rosello (S.S.); 2. Siu Kwong-cho (17th H.K.); 3. Alex Alves (2nd H.K.). Time: 51 1/5 secs.

One Length Breast-stroke (Pack):—1. Leung Leo-shing (13th H.K.). Time: 40 secs.

Two Lengths Free-style (Troop):—1. V. Barradas (2nd H.K.); 2. Leslie Marlow (13th H.K.); 3. Wong Pak-lam (15th H.K.). Time: 60 secs.

Two Lengths Free-style (Crew):—1. F. X. Monteiro (2nd H.K.); 2. Gaudy Costa (2nd H.K.); 3. H. E. Hyndman (2nd H.K.). Time: 39 3/5 secs.

One Length Free-style (Pack):—1. R. Remedios; 2. Leung Leo-shing (13th H.K.). Time: 34 4/5 secs.

Two Lengths Breast-stroke (Scouters):—1. A. Barradas (2nd H.K.); 2. Alex Alves (St. Mag.); 3. Augustine Lee (2nd H.K.). Time: 48 1/5 secs.

Two Lengths Back-stroke (Troop):—1. Leung Ka-shung (S.S.); 2. Lam Tin-kan (S.S.); 3. Ho King-yuen (21st H.K.). Time: 66 secs.

Two Lengths Back-stroke (Crew):—1. F. G. Monteiro (2nd H.K.); 2. John Wong (S.S.); 3. Leung Wing (S.S.). Time: 66 secs.

Diving (Crew and Troop):—1. Marcus Ng; 2. Wallace Ma (15th H.K.); 3. Wong Pak-lam (15th H.K.).

Obstacle Race (Troop):—1. Mak Wing-hon; 2. Yip Wing-bong; 3. Ip Wah.

Obstacle Race (Crew):—1. H. E. Hyndman; 2. G. Rosello; 3. Eddie Silva.

Free-style Relay (Troop):—1. 2nd Hong Kong; 2. 10th Hong Kong; 3. 21st Kowloon.

Four Lengths Breast-stroke (Troop):—1. Wong Pak-lam (15th H.K.); 2. V. Barradas (2nd H.K.); 3. Mak Wing-cheung (7th H.K.).

Four Lengths Free-style (Crew):—1. Siu Kwong-cho (17th H.K.); 2. Alex Alves (2nd H.K.); 3. R. E. de Souza (2nd H.K.).

Four Lengths Free-style (Troop):—1. Mak Shing-chun (2nd H.K.); 2. V. Barradas (2nd H.K.); 3. R. Tavares (2nd H.K.).

Four Lengths Free-style (Crew):—1. F. X. Monteiro (2nd H.K.); 2. Gaudy Costa (2nd H.K.); 3. Leung Wing (S.S.).

Medley Relay (Troop):—1. 21st Kowloon; 2. 2nd H.K.; 3. Sea Scouts.

Medley Relay (Crew):—1. 2nd H.K.; 2. Sea Scouts; 3. 17th Kowloon.

Life Savers' Race (Crew and Troop):—1. Siu Kwong-cho; 2. Marcus Ng; 3. Francis Leo.

"YELLOW'S" FIRST WIN

"Yellow," with a new set of sails, registered her first win in the second event of the United Services (Hong Kong) Yacht Club races held yesterday. Some credit goes to the skipper and he may be watching in future.

"Stancecutters" I and II both proved themselves handy in a breeze, but could not cope with the light air of yesterday.

The following were the results: 1st Race

1. Nabcatcher (Cones and Bar-grove); 2. Adamant I (Walton and Frederick); 3. Duke of York I (Howard and Andrews).

Manchester, Aug. 24.
England did unexpectedly well to draw 2-2 with Scotland before 70,000 spectators on Manchester City's ground here today in a charity match in aid of last year's Bolton cup tie disaster, when 33 were killed and over 500 injured. The Scots, with two weeks of the season in which to get fit were warm favourites to repeat last April's dramatic last minute win over England, but the "out of training" Englishmen more than held their own and led 2-1 at half-time. It was not until the closing stages of the game that the Scots drew level.

Don Welsh of Charlton, the inside-right who came into the side at the last minute got both of England's goals—the second from a penalty. Thornton of Rangers, playing centre-forward, got both of Scotland's goals, the second one five minutes before the finish.

The game was handled by Referee Dutton, who was in charge at Bolton and took the dramatic decision to play on when the crowd broke through the barriers.

Matthews Shines
England were quickly into the attack on the smooth green turf and the game was only 12 minutes old when a fine bit of work by England's winger Stanley Matthews, who was in his best form, enabled Welsh to score with a left-footer from 15 yards.

Ten minutes later Scotland drew level, when Thornton headed through a corner taken by the Liverpool left-winger Liddell. This success roused the Scots who pressed strongly for a while, but just as the referee was about to blow the whistle for half-time, the Scots captain, Jock Shaw, handled in the penalty area during a strong English raid. Welsh's shot from the spot easily beat the Scottish goal-keeper, Miller.

England swept down on resuming and their outside-left, Mitten, of Manchester United, missed a great chance of giving England the lead.

England Tire
From this point England began to tire and the Scots were always dangerous. The Rangers outside-right Weddell, who was in great form, gave Hardwick a busy afternoon. It was Weddell who capped a fine afternoon's work by presenting Thornton with the equalising goal.

He slipped through a pass to the centre-forward after beating the England defence and Thornton had only to side-foot the ball into the net. A draw was the fairest result for a really excellent game, though there were several moments from both sides which merited some scoring.

England played the traditional type of Scottish football, close passing, while Scotland swung the ball about in the accepted English style.

England's goalie, Swift (Manchester City) made several dazzling saves. John Shaw, of Rangers, the Scottish left back and captain, could make little of Matthews' tricks.

Waddell, Scotland's best player, thrilled the crowd with a daring dribble in which he tricked three men before his finishing shot flashed past the upright.

England were a man short in the last five minutes through injury, and it was then that Scotland equalised.—Reuter and Associated Press.

Inter-Allied Swimming

London, Aug. 25.
Hannie Termulen, of Holland, won the 100 yards free style race at the Inter-Allied swimming gala at the Marshall Street baths here on Saturday afternoon. Her time was 61 seconds.

Denmark's Fritz Nahtanssen was second in 61.4 seconds, and Britain's hope, the Scottish girl champion, Nancy Riach, third in 62 seconds.

In an attempt to smash the English 440 yards free style record of 5 minutes, 23 and three fifths seconds held by the world champion, Ragnarild Hveger of Denmark, Fritz Nahtanssen was first in 5 minutes, 39 and two fifths seconds and Hannie Termulen second in 5 minutes, 52 and four fifths seconds.

Men's 100 yards backstroke: 1. Baderio (Czechoslovakia); 67.4 secs. 2. Y. French-Williams (Penn-gin); 3. F. W. Farrington (Ever-ton).

Men's medley relay: 1. R. Stoch-man's team 59.4 seconds; 2. Czech-Als Force team; 3. Y. French-Williams' team.—Associated Press.

H.K.F.A. Meeting Tomorrow

The main items on the agenda for the meeting of the League of Hong Kong Football Association, which will be held tomorrow afternoon, will be the approval of the fixtures for the season for both the First and Second Divisions and the draw for the Seven-A-Side Stanley Shield competition which will start on September 14.

In compliance with the rules of the Football Association all players participating in the Seven-A-Side must be registered at least 48 hours before a game. Registration forms may be had on application to the Asst. Hon. Secretary, care of "China Mail."

Celtic Lose Cup Match

London, Aug. 24.
The results of weekend matches in the Scottish division football were:

"A" Division
Falkirk 2 Queen of the South 3. Hibernian 3 Hamilton Academicals 2. Kilmarnock 2 Morton 3. Motherwell 0 Hearts 2. St. Mirren 4 Aberdeen 2.

Glasgow Cup, First Round: Celtic 0 Clyde 2. Partick Thistle 4 Queen's Park 0.

"B" Division
Airdrieonians 1 Albion Rovers 2. Alloa Athletic 2 Stenhousemuir 0. Arbroath 2 St. Johnstone 1. Dumbarton 2 Ayr United 2. Dun-dee United 1 Dundee 2. East Fife 4 Raith Rovers 4. Bowdenhead 3 Dunfermline Athletic 2.—Reuter.

out the votes and Miss Lam Yuk Mee was adjudged Hong Kong's Skating Champion.

Essex Could Have Done Better

Southend, Aug. 24.
The Essex batsmen failed to make the best use of their opportunity when they won the toss against the Indians here, but much of this was due to the excellent fielding and bowling of the tourists who are being led once again by Merchant.

He made frequent bowling changes which helped tie up the batsmen. Everything favoured run getting, the pitch being easy and the outfield firm, but 227 for the loss of seven wickets was not a brilliant score, though not poor. Not much better was the final score of 208.

It took the county four and a quarter hours and there was some good fortune about several matters. This was particularly the case with the Essex captain, Pearce, and Wilcox, for the sixth wicket, for they added 40 after each had been beaten several times without the wicket falling, while Wilcox had escaped only two, so sure was Hindlekar that he was to appeal, but this was cut short when he dropped the ball.

After a good scoring start, the rate slackened and the county seemed to lose their rhythm after scoring over 100 for the loss of one wicket when Hindlekar made two smart catches.

Ten thousand people, the biggest crowd in the memory of the oldest Southend habitue, watched the game as Pearce and Wilcox proceeded to take the total to 208 when Wilcox, playing forward to a leg stump, was bowled on the off stump. A run later Mankad knocked back R.A.T. Smith's middle stump and Essex were seven wickets down for 206. The county captain and Taylor, who was one of the heroes of the previous Essex fixture stood firm until tea, when the score stood at 227.

Lucky Escape
Piet Smith settled down to lusty pulling which brought him boundaries from short pitched balls. This harsh accident led Merchant to bring on spinners and Bailey immediately survived an appeal for a catch at the wicket. The new bowlers caused the scoring rate to slacken. When Amar-nath came on for the second spell Merchant claimed a new ball.

Smith had a lucky stick past the stumps and then put one into the safe hands of Schohl, his wicket having added 42 in 35 minutes. Only ten runs were added when Schohl clean bowled Bailey. This brought Wilcox, the old Cambridge University captain, and present Essex captain Pearce, together. Wilcox had a lucky escape when Hindlekar dropped the ball which he was so sure of holding.

Batsmen Barracked
Pearce gave a hot chance to short leg, but without addition was gloriously caught when turning back from Baner-jeet Merchant, at short leg, spun him-self sideways and held the ball inches above the ground.

Pearce batted 150 minutes and his three boundaries in an innings which was far from his best. The last pair, Wade and Vigar, were barracked by the crowd for their efforts to keep up the wickets when the crowd wanted to see India bat. The last wicket put on 16 before Wade skied a ball which was caught by Schohl running from short leg. The innings lasted 285 minutes, and ended at 225.

India went in for 35 minutes, with Merchant and M. Smith all facing the fast bowling of R. Smith and Bailey. Merchant scored a beautiful four past cover off Bailey who is considered in some quarters to be a coming England player. At 18 minutes All playing a defensive stroke was bowled by an in-swinging from R. Smith. The light was not good in the closing spell, and the batsmen were clearly handicapped and proceeded carefully, concentrating on the defence. Five minutes before stumps were drawn rain fell but the game continued. At 44 Moll relaxed his vigilance and termed the ball into the hands of short leg. Amar-nath played out the 45-minute innings and India finished 227 having with eight wickets standing.—Reuter.

FOUR INCHES OFF RECORD

Oslo, Aug. 25.
Adocopo Consolini of Italy, holder of the world's record discus throw, hurled the discus 53.23 metres today to win, his event in the European Track-Field Championships.

The metric distance is equivalent to 174 feet 8-2/3 inches and only 4-1/3 inches off the record total he made in 1941.

Other winners:—800 Metres Run: Rens Gustavsson of Sweden, 1.61 seconds. Broadjump: Olo Legasaker of Finland, 7.42 metres.

Decathlon: Thor Holmvang of Norway, (Record) 7,937 points. 200 Metres Run: Karakulov of Russia, 21.6 seconds.

400 Metres: Harald Storekrubb of Finland, 62.3 seconds. Sweden led all nations in the men's section today, with five firsts. Finland won four; England won two and Italy, Russia, Norway, Iceland and Denmark won one first place each.—Associated Press.

U.S. Baseball

New York, Aug. 25.
In the American Major League baseball games last weekend, the following were the results:—

In the American League, Cleveland's Bob Feller won his 22nd victory by blanking the Athletics. He scored five strikeouts in the game, running the total of his strikeouts for this season up to 250, and giving Cleveland a 5-0 win over Washington.

Rookie Ellis Kinder, of St. Louis, just out of the Navy, won his second straight win of the season, against New York by a score of 9-2.

Hank Greenberg came off the bench to lead Detroit to victory with his 26th homer of the season and two singles, giving Detroit an 8-4 win over Washington.

The Red Sox lost their first game of the series in Fenway Park this year, as they split a double header with Chicago by 6-5 in the first game and losing 1-3 in the nightcap game.

In the National League, Rookie outfielder Dick Whitman homered in the ninth to give the Dodgers a half-game lead over the Cardinals by 1-4.

The Giants smothered three Pirate hurlers to win by 8-1. Chicago, starting pitcher Claude Passeau, homered before being injured in the third inning, giving Chicago an 8-2 win over Boston.

There was one night game.

American League

	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	5	11	1
Philadelphia	0	8	0
St. Louis	9	11	0
New York	2	10	2
Detroit	8	18	0
Washington	4	9	2
Boston (Openor)	6	9	0
Chicago	5	12	2
Chicago (Nightcap)	3	9	0
Boston	1	7	2

National League

	W.	L.	Pctg.
Brooklyn	73	45	.619
St. Louis	73	45	.619
Chicago	63	54	.539
Boston	57	57	.500
Cincinnati	53	65	.449
New York	52	65	.444
Philadelphia	48	68	.414
Pittsburgh	46	68	.411

Standings

	W.	L.	Pctg.
Brooklyn	73	45	.619
St. Louis	73	45	.619
Chicago	63	54	.539
Boston	57	57	.500
Cincinnati	53	65	.449
New York	52	65	.444
Philadelphia	48	68	.414
Pittsburgh	46	68	.411

American League

	W.	L.	Pctg.
Boston	85	38	.691
New York	72	50	.590
Detroit	60	62	.569
Washington	60	62	.492
Cleveland	57	65	.467
Chicago	45	67	.403
St. Louis	51	69	.425
Philadelphia	39	82	.322

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Prague, Aug. 25.

Czechoslovakia, rebuilding and overhauling her industrial economy, is looking more and more toward the Soviet Union and the Balkans as an outlet for her export trade, which henceforth may consist more of the products of heavy industry than of the glassware and ceramics of old.

The Czechoslovaks have military alliances with Russia and Yugoslavia but that is only partly accountable for their commercial interest in the East. Their course is dictated by what they regard as plain economic facts.

Tough Price Control To Be Enforced

Washington, Aug. 25. Price Administrator Paul Porter announced today that he would put into effect the "toughest programme yet" to prevent the black market's return when meat ceilings are renewed. He said the OPA was getting help from the Justice, Agriculture and Treasury Departments, and another source added that the number of inspectors was being materially increased.

"If anyone who has a misguided ambition for illegal profits is planning a little chiselling on the side, I would advise against it," Porter declared that the number of ceiling increases ordered on Friday permitted legitimate operators to continue with a reasonable profit within the law. Porter added that those ceilings would be held on a "firm and equitable" basis without regard to "purely pressure drives."—Associated Press.

U.S. Cotton For China

Washington, Aug. 25. The patched and colourful sails of China's sampan and junk fishing fleet will soon get a face-lifting with American cotton.

More than 100,000 yards of textile, ranging from 10 to 18 ounces in weight and about the most valuable thing a Chinese fisherman can possess, soon will be sent to China by UNRRA as part of the programme to help rehabilitate the fishing fleet so that it may add its contribution to help keep thousands from starving.

Cotton sail cloth is just part of a \$10,000,000 fund which UNRRA set aside for the rehabilitation of the Chinese fishing fleet. The cloth is just coming from United States surplus stock being made available to UNRRA on China's behalf at about half the original cost. It will be shipped from Seattle as soon as possible.—Associated Press.

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Silver, Forward	per 100 tolas
Gold Delivery	96 11
per tola	06 11
Gold Forward	per tola
Sovereigns	66 04
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New York, Aug. 22.

Membership on the New York Stock Exchange was sold today for \$75,000, a decrease of \$2,000 over the previous sale. Seats are currently at \$60,000 bid and \$78,000 asked.

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Fighting Commercial Crisis

Nanking, Aug. 25.

After studying the suggestions made by business leaders in Nanking, Shanghai and Hong Kong for averting the imminent industrial and commercial crisis, President Chiang Kai-shek is reported to have instructed the Executive Yuan to order the organizations concerned to take appropriate steps.

Mr. Wu Ting-chang, Secretary-General of the Government, who conveyed the suggestions to the President, said that while most of the suggestions were acceptable to the Government, with slight revision, the suggestion about the appropriation of foreign bank deposits as capital for the organization of an industrial finance corporation must be carefully considered. According to the law, depositors must be consulted and their consent obtained.

It will be recalled that the suggestions included the following:
1. That the banking organization be strengthened.
2. That loans be granted to productive enterprises.
3. That an export-import linking system be instituted to readjust foreign trade.—Reuter.**Nanyang To Resume**

One of Hong Kong's leading cigarette manufacturing concerns, the Nanyang Bros. Tobacco Co., Ltd., whose "Globe," "Hundred Sparrows" and "White Golden Dragon" brand cigarettes were well-known on the local and South China market, hope to resume operations again in the very near future. The "China Mail" was informed that the company is awaiting the arrival of raw materials for abroad.

Portion of the company's factory at Bowington Canal, which was damaged during the war, has been repaired and work on the installation and adjusting of equipment is well under way. The chimney stack, a familiar pre-war sight, has already been re-erected.

Several hundred male and female workers were employed in the factory previously and when operations are resumed, a large number of Hong Kong's unemployed will be absorbed in this once flourishing industry.

Arabs Go On Hunger Strike

Acre, Aug. 25. Four hundred Arab prisoners in Acre have declared a 24-hour hunger strike in sympathy with the 14 Arab political offenders who began a "fast until release or death" three days ago.

The political prisoners have been held since 1936 and 1937 for their part in Arab disturbances at that time. Several hundred Moslems in Acre refused to break their Ramadan fast last night as a gesture of solidarity with the 14 fasting Arabs. They also resolved to appeal to General Sir Alan Cunningham, High Commissioner, and to the Arab states for the release of the prisoners.

The Arab Higher Committee, it is understood, discussed the position of Arab prisoners detained in Palestine at their meeting today.—Reuter.

UNRRA REFUSES GOODS

Canberra, Aug. 25. Commerce Minister William Scully said today that UNRRA had refused to take United States and Australian dehydrated foods to help meet the world food shortage.

Scully said in a press statement that he had offered substantial quantities of dried eggs, potatoes, carrots and other vegetables but UNRRA "just did not seem interested."—Associated Press.

Kuala Lumpur, Aug. 25. Malaysia's production has fallen behind the expected output, due principally to a hold-up in the arrival of dredgers and other machinery from England.

Production for the second quarter, just announced, was 2,200 tons in ore, bringing the half year total to 8,540 long tons.—Reuter.

Alexandria, Aug. 24. Gold, per fine ounce 164 Pounds.—Reuter.

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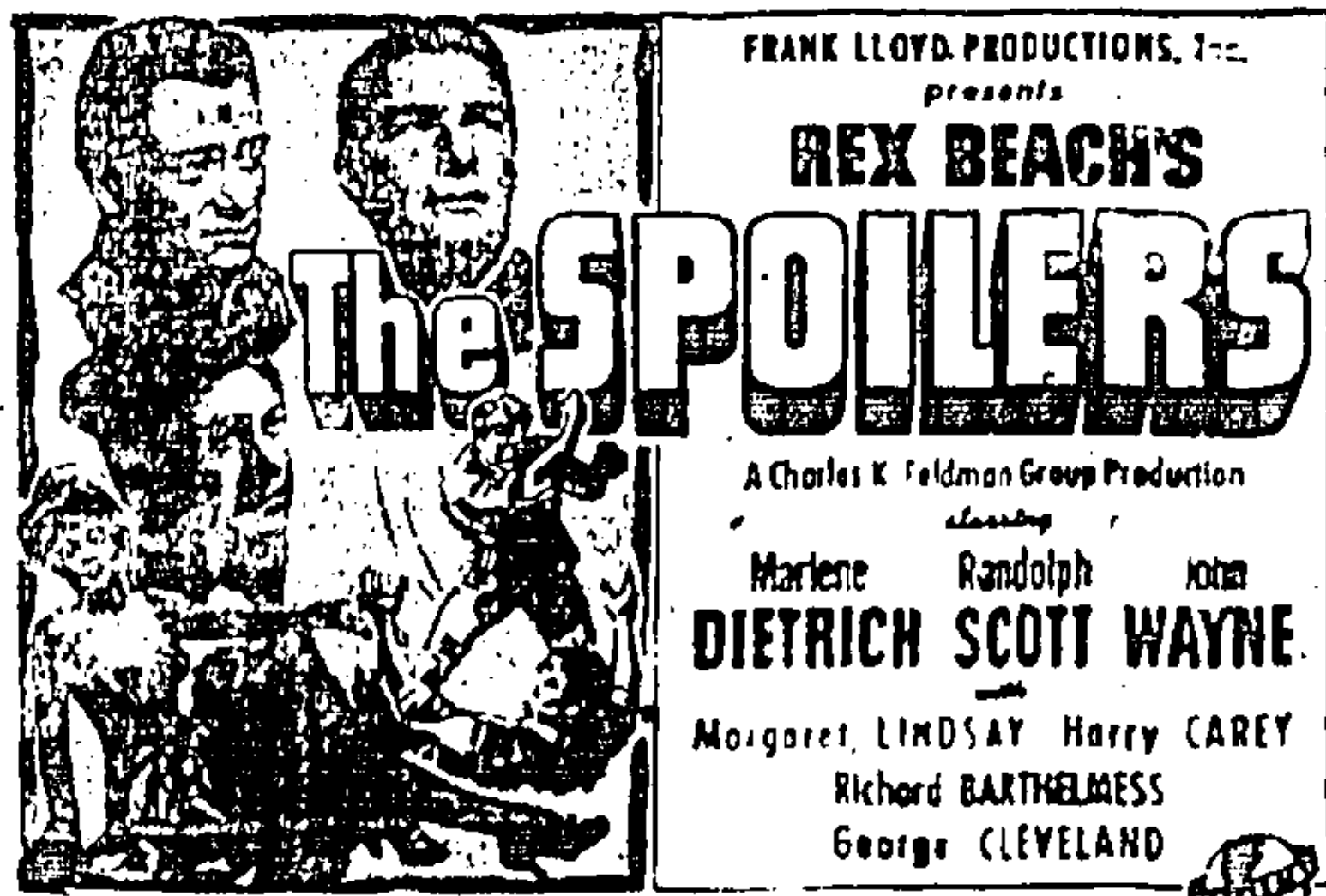
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U.S. Naval Attaches Quit Russia

Washington, Aug. 25. The American Naval Attaches have been withdrawn from the ports of Archangel and Vladivostok at the request of the Russian Government, a State Department spokesman announced today.

The attaches left about two weeks ago. The attaches in Odessa is remaining there to deal with UNRRA ships. The Soviet authorities have not yet agreed to the request for the opening of American consulates in other cities. This means that United States representation in Russia is confined to the Moscow Embassy attache in Odessa and the Vladivostok Consulate.

It is reported here that consideration is being given to reciprocal action by the American authorities in relation to Russian consulates and representation in the United States. Russia has consulates in New York, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

The Russian diplomatic staff here is some four times what it was prior to the opening of a large Soviet Purchasing Commission staff which, it is understood, is in process of transfer to the Amtorg—a Russian peace time trading organization.

New Strain

Russia is understood recently to have made a request to open new consular posts in the United States but it is unlikely that this will be granted unless reciprocal facilities were granted to America in Russia.

The already troubled relations between the United States and Russia have been subjected to a new strain, with the prospect of mutual limitations on the personnel and activities of their diplomatic representatives.

It is expected, in accordance with President Truman's new and more positive foreign policy, that the United States will base its attitude to Russian representation here on the principle that representation of the two countries should be identical.

Already concern has been expressed in both countries at the continuance of large wartime staffs by diplomatic and other agencies and the use of such agencies for the collection of information regarding political, industrial and military potentialities.

Crisis Coming?

The Russian representation in America is however at present much bigger and less restricted than the United States representation in Russia.

The antagonism between the United States and Russia at the Security Council and Paris conferences, accompanied by the United States rejection of the Russian demands regarding the Dardanelles and the still exchanges between the United States and the Russian-influenced countries of Poland and Yugoslavia are believed to foreshadow a crisis in Russo-American relations in the near future.

Observers here consider that the reports of the tour of the giant aircraft carrier, Franklin D. Roosevelt, with accompanying cruisers and destroyers, being extended to the Eastern Mediterranean, highlight the determination of President Truman to back up outspoken diplomacy with a show of armed force and the determination of the United States not to be diplomatically excluded from European and Middle Eastern affairs.—Reuter.

Jews Prepared To Fight

Jerusalem, Aug. 25.

The Zionist leaders will boycott the London conference on Palestine unless the establishment of a Jewish national home is the basis of the talks, Mrs. Goldie Myerson, acting member of the Jewish Agency Executive, said in an interview today.

From this time on the Jews of Palestine are through with government by a High Commissioner, Mrs. Myerson said. "The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin must understand that the Jews in Palestine are united and prepared to fight on"—Associated Press.

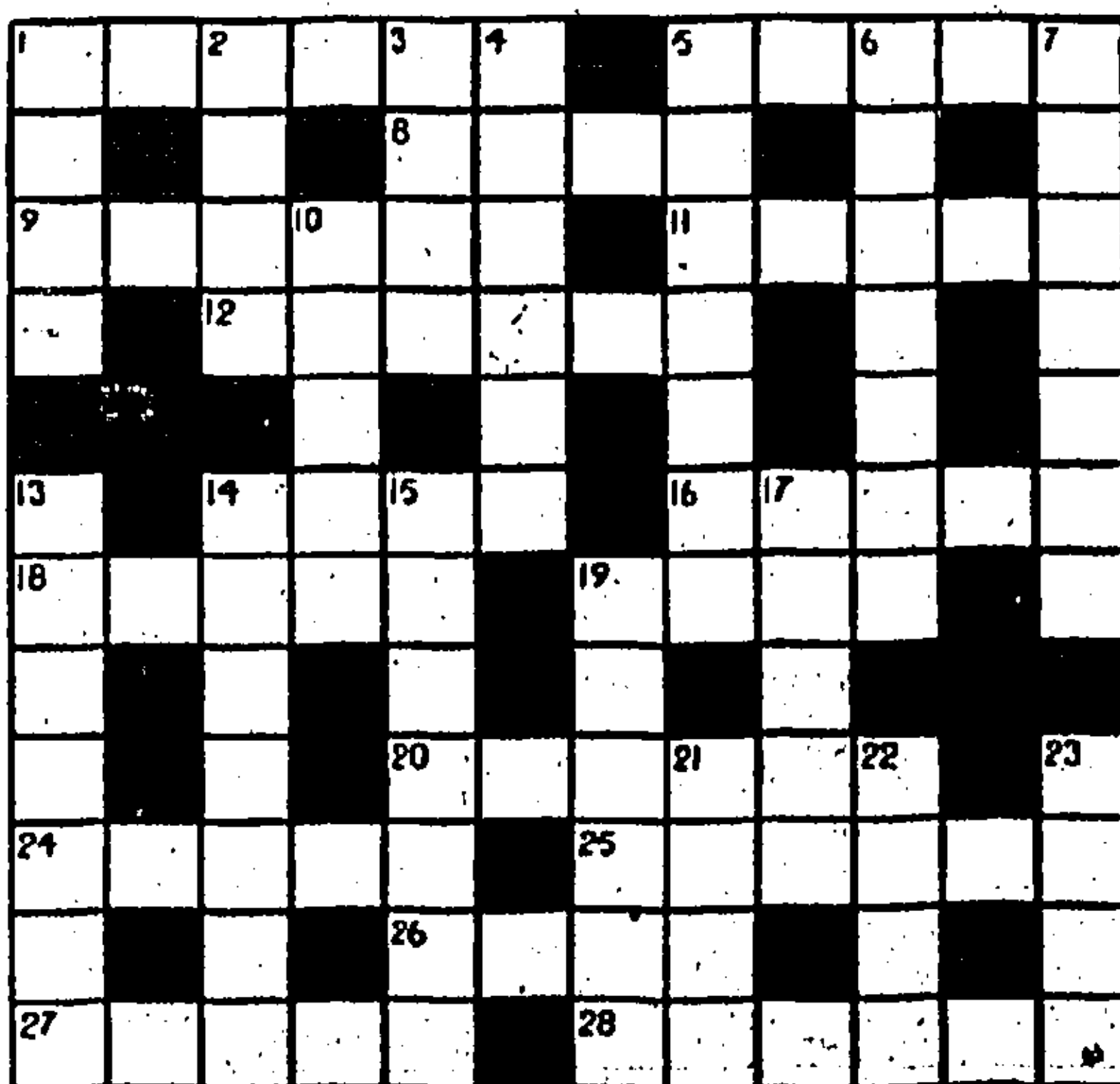
APPEAL TO CATHOLICS

Fulda, Aug. 24.

Konrad Cardinal von Preysing, Bishop of Berlin, appealed to German Catholics today to help the refugees streaming in from Silesia, Sudetenland and other points even if only by "friendly glances".

"Anyone who meets a train of refugees will receive a shock that will remain with him for the rest of his life," the Cardinal added, declaring that Nazi domination of Germany showed "in a frightful way what happens when a people overthrow faith and morality. Slavery was the result".—Associated Press.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Across

1. Distant.
5. Stoppers.
8. Measure of length.
9. Tattered.
11. Painter's stand.
12. Prevail upon.
14. Grails.
16. Noblemen.
18. Coral island.
19. Brink.
20. Squid.
24. Military colour.
25. Decorated.
26. Water rat.
27. Brother's daughter.
28. Method.

Saturday's Crossword

- ACROSS:—1 Cable; 4 Strain; 8 Mystic; 10 Among; 12 London; 14 Compeer; 17 Tide; 19 Hoylake; 20 Feasted; 22 Isle; 23 Clanged; 27 Frates; 29 Trush; 30 Stripe; 31 Reains; 32 Rotor.
- DOWN:—1 Comic; 2 Besom; 3 Exile; 5 Road; 6 Adonis; 7 Nugget; 9 Corset; 11 Motion; 13 Needle; 15 Odes; 16 Poser; 18 Live; 20 Fitter; 21 Alpaca; 24 Astril; 25 Glint; 26 Dream; 28 Alien.

Down

1. Scarce.
5. Wise Men of the East.
8. Fastened.
9. Tattered.
11. Applauded.
12. Wise Men of the East.
13. Greedy.
14. Knot in wood.
15. Dwarf.
16. Abandon.
17. Deceptive.
18. Once more.
19. Joins up.
21. Squirrel's nest.
22. Move quickly.
23. Ray.

TO-DAY'S FAIRY STORY

Stockholm, Aug. 25.

The inhabitants of Tara Island, lying off the naval base of Karlskrona in South Sweden, are trying to pierce the identity of a mysterious luminous figure reported to have been seen stalking along the lonelier stretches of a beach after nightfall.

Cattle refuse to graze near where the figure stalks although the area is the island's best pasture.

The figure was last seen during the war, when it was believed to be a device used by German spies to scare islanders away while they observed shipping at Karlskrona.—Reuter.

"Cemetery" Led To Jewels

Frankfurt, Aug. 25.

The code word "cemetery" led to the recovery by United States Army investigators of a hoard of Kronberg Castle crown jewels in a Hudson, Wisconsin, house, a prosecution witness testified today at the trial of WAC Captain Kathleen Nash Durant.

The drab army blankets were removed for the first time from the fortune of gems, silver and goldware laid out in the Courtroom. Guards stood at either end of the long table.

Major John D. Salb of the Army Provost Marshal's office produced a note which he said was written and signed at Chicago on June 3, 1946, by Capt. Durant who was being detained at the time in connection with the disappearance of the jewels.

"To Ellen, Jack (her husband), David (Maj. David F. Watson)", the note read, "I have confessed to having the box of jewels which I hid in the attic. Will you give same to the officer carrying this note. Our code 'cemetery' goes. Sorry to cause you so much trouble. I don't want you to worry about me any longer. Love Bonnie".

With this note, Maj. Salb said he recovered the jewels in the home of Captain Durant's sister, Mrs. Ellen Longergan, at Hudson, Wisconsin. "The code word", he said "was an agreed upon signal to send her (Capt. Durant) the jewels".—Associated Press.

BRIDGE NOTES

South made a fancy preemptive bid, knowing that his opponents would not allow themselves to be talked out of anything and expecting that they would get themselves into trouble, but it all worked out rather differently:

North, Dealer

East-West vulnerable

S. J 9 3

H. 8 7

D. K 9 5 2

C. 10 6 5 2

S. A K

H. Q 6 4

D. J 10 8 6

C. K J 7 3

S. Q 10 8 7 6 5 2

H. K J 9 3

D. A

C. 8

The bidding:

North East South West

Pass 1H. 3S. 4H.

4S. Pass Pass Dbl.

Pass Pass Pass

South really thought he could beat four hearts badly (he couldn't have, by the way, for good play would hold the set to one trick); and practically gnashed his teeth when his partner leaped into the breach with a sacrifice bid of four spades. But it all ended well enough.

West cashed the King and Ace of spades, then shifted to the four of hearts. East took the heart Ace and, unwilling to open clubs away from his major ten-Ace, made the fatal error of returning the deuce of hearts.

South thought long and earnestly about assessing the Jack of hearts, since he could ruff only one heart in the dummy. But it seemed clear that East had bid hearts originally on a four-card suit, which meant that West had raised to four hearts with only a three-card holding in the suit. Surely that three-card holding in

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cluded the Queen, South, reasoned.

Declarer therefore put up the heart King, cashed the diamond Ace, and ruffed the nine of hearts in dummy. South's correct analysis was rewarded when West dropped the Queen of hearts, setting up the Jack in the South hand. Dummy's diamond King was then cashed for a discard of the only losing club, and South spread his hand to claim the rest of the tricks.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

S. K 8 2

H. Q 5

D. A J 7 3

C. K 9 4 2

The bidding:

Schenken Jacoby You Maier

1C. Pass 1D. Pass

1NT. Pass 3C. Pass

3D. Pass (?)

ANSWER: Bid three no-trump. Your hand is well suited to no-trump play, and have help for both unbid suits. Having already indicated the club support, you can now indicate willingness to play at no-trump and thus give your partner his choice of game contracts.

Score 100 per cent for three no-trump, 40 per cent for four clubs.

Question

Today you hold the same hand, but the bidding is different:

Schenken Jacoby You Maier

1C. Pass 1D. Pass

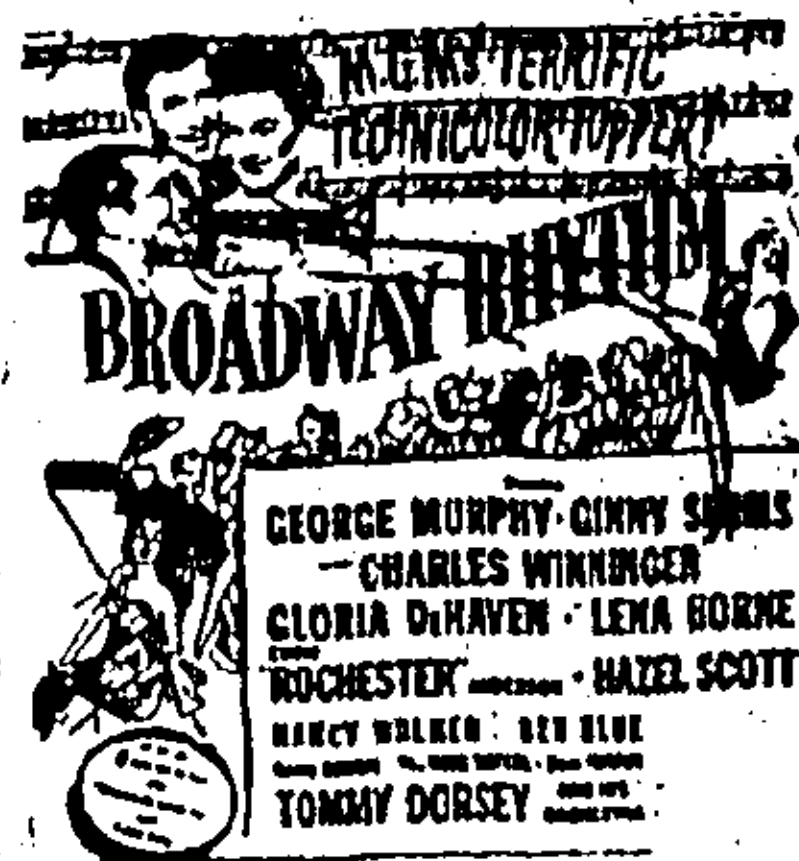
2NT. Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow).

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(By Morris Harris)

Liver Cirrhosis New Agents

New York, Aug. 25. Two nutritional agents have been found to reverse the degenerative process which leads to death in cirrhosis of the liver, according to A. J. Beams, M.D., of Cleveland, in the "Journal of the American Medical Association."

Cirrhosis of the liver is a chronic disease characterized by an excess of fibrous tissue in the liver and more or less deterioration and atrophy of the liver cells. The liver takes on a rough, nodular appearance, because it tries to restore itself with new cells.

Dr. Beams treated 20 patients with a high-protein, low-fat diet supplemented by yeast and a combination of the nutritional agents choline and cystine. Choline prevents the deposit of fat in the liver. Cystine is the chief source of sulphur in food, which is a necessary constituent of a complete diet.

Cut Alcohol

The principal contributing cause of cirrhosis of the liver is alcoholism, but it may result from chronic metal-poisoning or from infectious diseases, especially syphilis. In the Beams group of patients the incidence of alcoholism was about 85 per cent.

Only patients with large livers were benefited by adding choline and cystine to the special diet. Twelve of the 20 with enlarged livers did not respond, but seven of the eight patients with large livers did.

New N. China Shipping Service

San Francisco, Aug. 25. The General Steamship Corporation announced today that fortnightly sailings to Shanghai and other North China ports will be inaugurated on Monday by the Pacific Orient Express, for which the G.S.C. is the agent.

Morse Frazier, manager of the Pacific Orient Express, said the line will operate six ships—three Swedish and three Norwegian—of 9,100 tons to 9,500 tons and carrying eight to 12 passengers.

The line is sponsored by the Trans-Atlantic Steamship Company of Gothenburg, Sweden, and the Ditlev Simonsen Lines of Oslo, Norway.—Associated Press.

POST OFFICE NOTICES MAIL NOTICE Outward Mails

Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Post close 15 minutes earlier than the time stated below:—

MONDAY, AUGUST 26
Straits (Eastern Trader), 10 a.m.
Macao and Tientsin (Kwong-sai), 11 a.m.
Tientsin (Kwongchowwan) (Hop Fat) noon.
Haiphong (Mastate) noon.
Straits (Empire, Jamaica) 3 p.m.

Shanghai (Rapid) 3 p.m.
Airmail for London, Calcutta, Johannesburg, Cairo, Rangoon, Singapore, Sydney and Auckland (By Air) Kowloon C.P.O., (Reg.) 1 p.m., (Ord.) 1.30 p.m.; G.P.O., (Reg.) 1.45 p.m., (Ord.) 2 p.m.
Airmail for Canton, Amoy, Foochow and Shanghai (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Canton (By train) 4 p.m.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27
Macao and Tientsin (Kwong-sai) 10 a.m.
Cebu P.I. (Bengal) 10 a.m.
Haiphong (Empire Labrador) 10 a.m.
Australia via Sydney (Yachow) (Par.) 9.30 a.m., (Reg.) 9.45 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Swatow and Saigon (Fronto) 10 a.m.
Shanghai (Wing Sang) noon.
Haiphong (Empire Park) 3 p.m.
Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Basra, Cairo, Augusta, Marseilles and London (First Direct Flight by B.O.A.C. Plane) Kowloon C.P.O., (Reg.) 2 p.m., (Ord.) 2.30 p.m.; G.P.O., (Reg.) 2.30 p.m., (Ord.) 3 p.m.

Airmail for Chungking and Kunming (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Airmail for Canton, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.
Canton (Sai On) 4 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28
Airmail for Canton and Shanghai (C.N.A.C. Plane) (Reg.) 9.30 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Straits (Tak Sang) (Par.) 9.30 a.m., (Ord.) 10 a.m.
Airmail for London, Calcutta and Saigon (By Air) Kowloon C.P.O., (Reg.) 1 p.m., (Ord.) 1.30 p.m.; G.P.O., (Reg.) 1.45 p.m., (Ord.) 2 p.m.
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Washington, Aug. 25. Although China is at present one of the world's worst famine-stricken nations, she is expected to produce a major share of its cereals during the coming season. UNRRA estimates that the forthcoming wheat production will be about 22,400,000 tons and the rice crop about 39,500,000 tons.

These figures approach the prewar levels, but UNRRA estimated a sharp deficit would continue to exist. UNRRA will continue to ship to China all the possible materials that can be distributed there.

Last year's China wheat crop approximated 18,600,000 tons, sharply below the 1931-1937 average yields of 22,640,000 tons. The prewar rice crop was 45,000,000 tons.

Although the Chinese wheat and rice crops are increasing to substantial figures, UNRRA terms the prospects there as being "not encouraging."

The Agency, which has its largest single programme allotted to China, said that although it expected the rice yield take only about 10 per cent below the prewar average, the "deficit becomes larger when the rise in population, despite war losses and drastic reductions in reserves of food, are considered."

During the war years, vast areas of Chinese agricultural lands were not cultivated because of the Japanese invasion and an estimated 2,000,000 acres of rice and wheat production areas in North China were flooded as a result of opening the Yellow River dykes in an effort to halt the Japanese military operations.

These latter lands are not expected to be returned to cultivation until the Yellow River Conservation Programme, which is financed and undertaken by UNRRA, is completed.

"Food-Short" Area
This is expected to require at least another year. UNRRA China survey stated that famine there continues to be widespread. As an example of the conditions there, it is said that South China is a "food-short area" and that "there are possibly 5,000,000 people in Kwangsi Province and 10,000,000 people in South Hunan Province who are rapidly becoming physically weakened as a result of acute sudden starvation."

Many of these are dying and evidence points to the fact that the mortality rate is rapidly increasing. Generally speaking, the people in these provinces are too poor to help those who are even more destitute than themselves and there is not enough food in the provinces at any price.—Associated Press.

CNRRA Head
Dr. O. S. Liu, Chief of Operations of CNRRA and concurrently Director-General of CNRRA in Shanghai, is expected to visit Hong Kong next week on a tour of investigation, the "China Mail" learned yesterday.

BOY PICKETS A CINEMA
New York, Aug. 25. Bernard L. Meyer, 18, decided that movie prices were too high, so he made a picket sign and started parading back and forth in front of a Brooklyn theatre. Arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct, Bernard was brought into Adolescents' Court.

Bernard told the magistrate that movie admissions had jumped from 30 to 75 cents and thought the theatre owner ought to be brought into court. "I think you're a little too young to solve the problems of the world," the magistrate ruled, and he sent the boy home with a stern lecture.

"You can't start a one-man campaign just because you dislike something or some place of business."

HOMESIDE MEAL EATEN IN S. AFRICA
Johannesburg, Aug. 25. Five South African railway officials sat down in Johannesburg and ate a meal that was cooked in England several weeks before.

The meal consisted of artichoke soup, fillet de sole bonne femme, roast duck with apple sauce, cabbage, stuffing and gravy, crisp white rolls and finished off with apple pie.

The meal was sent out in an airliner by British Overseas Airways Corporation as a test of their pre-cooked frozen food method whereby they hope to revolutionize feeding on long-distance air journeys. After cooking, each item is frozen and sealed in an aluminum insulated container, requiring only reheating.

WORSE THAN THE AT-BOMB

London, Aug. 25. British scientists confirm reports that the United States has a germ weapon more terrifying than the atomic bomb. Chapman Pincher, Daily Express science writer, says American bacteriologists have prepared the germ of a deadly disease—believed to be infantile paralysis—in powder form.

One millionth of an ounce of this powder is enough to infect a man. Once inside his body it would increase and paralyze his nervous system within a few days.

The powder is believed to be in mass production in the State of Indiana. The British Ministry of Supply has a team working on measures to counter germ warfare.

The U.S. Naval Appropriations Committee has revealed that the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery had developed "a new deadly weapon which would cause devastation equal to, if not greater than that caused by the atomic bomb."

This was later said to be a germ spray capable of wiping out populations of large cities and crops.

The chairman of the Federation of Atomic Scientists (Dr. Higinbotham) said in Washington that at least two secret weapons as dangerous to mankind as the atomic bomb existed.

They were bacteriological warfare and fission-product warfare, sometimes called atomic poison gas.

Bacteriological warfare could be used to cut off food supplies, and radio-active material could be used to trap people in shelters and caves he said.

Conjugal Allergy
New Orleans, Aug. 25. Conjugal allergy is a serious medical term, not something thought up by a legal wit for a divorce petition. It may resemble asthma or skin disease and can be brought on by the proximity of one's wife or husband.

Dr. Leo H. Crisp of the University of Pittsburgh told an allergy conference the trouble wasn't really caused by the wife or husband, but some accessory.

Detective work often is needed to find it—it may be a fur coat, a face cream or shaving soap or a pet.

But, he said, when a person suddenly develops an allergy after marriage, the spouse's habits and belongings should be checked.

EXECUTIONS IN BUDAPEST
Budapest, Aug. 25. Three former Hungarian officials were executed by a firing squad today after conviction on war crimes charges.

The most prominent was General Dome Szalay, former Minister to Berlin and Prime Minister of Hungary before Ferenc Szalasi took over in October 1944. Szalay was executed some months ago.—Associated Press.

Millions Yielded By Banks' Ashes
London, August 25. Fortunes amounting to millions of pounds are being recovered from the unrecognisable remains of scorched documents salvaged from safes in blitzed banks and solicitors' offices in Britain and Europe.

Deciphering of the documents—some of which are being taken from safes which burned white-hot in the height of the fire—is being carried out by a famous firm of printers of banknotes and securities, Waterlow and Sons.

Their city offices have been turned into a laboratory for the delicate job of reconstructing and legally proving the validity of burnt bonds, wills, agreements.

Most of the documents were stored in vaults for safety in the raids, but bombs and landmines destroyed the buildings in which they were deposited.

Waterlow's clients include a Surrey man who kept 40,000 in share certificates in his office. The charred fragments were placed together and the serial numbers proved their validity.

Unrest A Cause Of Neurosis

New York, Aug. 25. Some American servicemen returning to find their country "in a very chaotic industrial condition," are becoming neurotic, said Dr. Karl Bowman.

He believed that this emotional instability would lead in some cases to serious mental disorders. Dr. Bowman is president of the American Psychiatric Association, and he spoke at its first postwar meeting in Chicago.

Asserting that industrial unrest, lack of housing, shortages of food, clothing and transport were factors, Dr. Bowman said: "Thousands of servicemen who might otherwise have made good adjustment to civilian life, are being thrown into a neurotic state."

This is particularly true of those with wives and children to care for.

It has given them an unfortunate feeling to find the country they were fighting to save in such a state of upheaval.

"They have become embittered, distrustful and irritated, and they develop a feeling that they have been wasting their time defending such a country."

Dr. Bowman said there were now three-quarters of a million persons in mental hospitals suffering from serious disorders, and there were millions with milder disorders.

One half of the patients in the care of the Veterans' Administration were neuro-psychiatric cases. One out of every 20 persons in the United States now stood a chance of becoming a patient in a mental hospital.

BREAK DOWN THE BARRIERS
Herford, Aug. 24. General Sir Brian Robertson, Deputy Military Governor of the British Zone in Germany, pleaded for the breaking down of trade and social barriers between the occupation zones in Germany, when he announced that Hanover was an independent province at the first meeting of the provincial diet.

"We shall not be content until trade, persons and ideas can move freely across the frontiers of all zones," General Robertson said.

"A German producer must be placed in contact with prospective foreign purchasers of his goods. There must be an exchange of ideas as well as trade, and contact must not be limited to men of commerce but must include leaders of German opinion."

"The path before Germany is not a path to Eldorado but it is a path which can be trodden and at the end of it is a Germany in which Germans can live decent lives in decent conditions and in self respect," the General added.

"Brave People"
"We will help them to tread this path. It is in our own interests to do so and in the interests of peace and humanity. The Germans were a brave people and we believe it is better to face them squarely with facts."

General Robertson added that the British intended to reorganise their zone administration and were "studying that problem very carefully." The solution would be based on the principles of decentralising the powers of government.

Social Democrat Heinrich Wilhelm Kopf heads the provincial Cabinet of the new independent province of Hanover.

A woman Social Democrat, Elfriede Paul, becomes Minister of Reconstruction, Labour and People's Welfare and Social Democrat Adolf Grimme—Minister of Education in the last Prussian Government, who recently visited Britain—takes the Ministry of Education. Dr. Bernhard Pfand, Christian Democrat, will be Minister of Interior.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S BASIC LABOUR LAW
Tokyo, Aug. 25. Against the background of a threat of "management control" of government railways and repeated predictions that 1,000,000 workers will lose their jobs in industrial readjustment, the Japan Welfare Ministry announces the drafting of a basic labour law to "eliminate every trace of feudalism" from Japanese labour.

The proposal law features an eight-hour day, a 48-hour week minimum wage, bans the hiring of children under 16 years of age and prohibits the employment of women in certain "dangerous" work.

The company has years of work ahead of it to restore the documents which are piling up in their storeroom, most of which is owned by the railways, whose records were ruined in raids on terminals.

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(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinances of Hong Kong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of Hong Kong Realty and Trust Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Exchange Building (2nd Floor), Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 28th, August, 1946, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1945, and for the period of eight months from 1st September, 1945, to the 30th April, 1946, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

By Order of the Board,
F. C. BARRY,
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Hong Kong, 2nd, August, 1946.

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NOTICE

PRACTISE PARADE FOR CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 30TH

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2. The following road will be closed:

Connaught Road from Thomas Cooks to Hongkong Club, Jackson Road from Connaught Road to Des Voeux Road Central.

Chater Road from NPM's Office to Murray Road, Wardley Street. No entrance from Des Voeux Road Central.

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The first indications that the full scale war which was known to be brewing in Manchuria had broken out, were received here today with the Chinese press reports that the Communists had encircled Tieling, 50 miles north-west of Mukden.

One dispatch said that the Reds were consolidating north-east and west of the city.

"This is the beginning of a major conflict," said one of the reports. Reuter.

New Aid To Air Comfort

London, Aug. 25.

"I wonder what's down below?" In future, airline passengers will be able to solve this problem for themselves by referring to "Fred"—a minute-to-minute Aircraft Position Indicator invented by Wing Commander C. Hole and produced by Redwing Ltd., of Croydon, England.

The device supplies a need of paramount importance to comfort, with a most valuable psychological effect upon the passengers. Unlike land travel, the air traveller is usually unaware of his position in the air relative to the ground, other than knowing that he should reach the next stopping place at a given time.

On some airlines, a member of the crew notifies passengers of the aircraft position when notable landmarks or interesting features are reached. With the Aircraft Position Indicator, this method, according to aircraft standards, can now be considered primitive, for with this instrument, the passenger knows where he is throughout the entire route.

It is a compact unit, which can be fitted to the wall or bulkhead of the passenger compartment. There are no external wiring points or connections; to be assembled, as the motive power is provided by a clockwork motor.

In the centre of the instrument is displayed a strip map of the route and across this map moves a model aircraft. The speed of the model is set at the "take-off" point to the known ground speed of the aircraft and the speed range of the instrument is from 100 to 400 m.p.h.

Live Oysters By Air

London, Aug. 25.

One of the most unusual cargoes yet handled by British Overseas Airways Corporation has consisted of 500 live Fal-mouth oysters consigned to Johannesburg from England, via the joint B.O.A.C.-South Africa Airways "Springbok" service, by arrangement with the South African Government.

The experiment of transporting live bivalves by air represents an attempt to expand South Africa's oyster industry. Altogether 3,000 oysters will be flown to Johannesburg.

Speed is the prime factor in the experiment. The entire journey from the sea at Fal-mouth, Cornwall, to a tank at Cape Town aquarium—where the oysters will be allowed to acclimatise themselves before being transferred to the sea at Knysna—takes under five days.

Mr. H. G. Bright, of the South African Fisheries Development Corporation, has been in England organising the English end of the experiment. "It is to find out whether your British oysters will breed in South African waters," he said. "Our own oysters are coarse and unpalatable in comparison with yours, and, anyway, are fast disappearing."

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"Hot Times Are Coming"

(By G. D. H. Douglas)

Warsaw, Aug. 25.

The recently resumed negotiations between the Polish Peasant Party, the Socialist Party, and the Workers Party (Communists) for the entry of the Peasant Party into an electoral bloc, are likely to last several weeks.

Observers here do not believe that Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, the former Prime Minister (who leads the Peasant Party), will reverse his previous decision to keep the party out of the bloc of the Left Wing groups.

Negotiations were resumed after attacks by the Workers Party on the Peasant Party had reached a new pitch of intensity. The Workers Party paper "Glos Ludu" daily printed numbers of Peasant Party membership cards said to have been found on arrested terrorists.

It described M. Mikolajczyk as the leader of the "Polish Forest Party"—bandits—and offered the "honest Peasant Party members" the choice of cutting off Mikolajczyk's hand with the Forest Party, and joining the democracy group, or "submitting with the Fascist Underground and Gen Anders' bands, to foreign forces hostile to Poland."

The Peasant Party paper "Glos Ludowa," in a spirited reply, said: "Interesting and hot times are coming."

Anti-Soviet

The Socialist paper "Robotnik" struck a different note. In an article, the Prime Minister M. Ostank-Morawski, said that the other parties had failed in achieving national unity, but the Socialists might succeed, and in a later article the Prime Minister said the electoral bloc was indispensable to National unity. In yet another article, he said one of the main barriers to national unity was the "anti-Soviet attitude of the London camp."

"Rumours are being spread that we want to make a seventh Soviet republic out of Poland. That is nonsense because if we compare the Soviet system with the one we are building in Poland, the differences are striking. For example, there is only one political proletarian dictatorship with one party in Russia, as compared with the six parties in Poland," the Premier said.

Of the two possibilities—that the Peasant Party will at length decide to join the bloc with the working class parties or that the Socialist Party will break with the workers party to join the Socialists—the second may be accounted even more remote than the first. Reuter.

Lipstick Makes Them Behave

London, Aug. 25.

Women and girl prisoners in Cardiff Gaol are now allowed to use powder and lipstick.

The Governor (Major J. W. Brown), who is the father of three daughters, told a meeting of the South Wales District Prisoners' Aid Society that the prison commissioners had given permission.

"I won't say anything about the rights and wrongs of using make-up," he said, "but if a woman or girl is in the habit of using it outside why on earth take it from her when she is inside?"

Major Brown said the women prisoners were delighted at the privilege, were taking a pride in the appearance, and were behaving much better.

The women, who can earn a shilling a week, get friends outside to send them supplies.

Explaining how women prisoners tried by all means to pass letters surreptitiously to men prisoners, Major Brown said that, since lipstick had been allowed, a letter was intercepted on which the lady had imprinted her lips in red for the benefit of her gentleman friend on the other side of the building.

"QUIZ TEST" IS GOOD TRAINING

London, Aug. 25.

The "quiz" which has established itself as one of the most popular of indoor games, has been introduced into Britain's Post Office Training Schools. It has long been the practice for instructors to aim pertinent enquiries at the counter trainees; now, using the quiz technique, the students are encouraged to compete in trying it on themselves.

A competition of this kind tried out at the training school at Shrewsbury, England, between teams representing the north and south areas of the Region was acclaimed as the highlight of the course.

Experts from the Cardiff Enquiry Office had no difficulty in starting off with genuine enquiries from their extensive repertoire. For instance:—

"I want to have stamps sent to me from Tibet: to whom do I apply?"

"I want to join the Navy: can I apply here?"

"I want to phone Oklahoma: do I put paper money in the box?"

The experiment is proving to be a valuable one.

Violent Crime In U.S. Increasing

New York, Aug. 25.

The increase in violent crime in America since the war ended will continue its upward spiral for at least four or five years unless something drastic is done to stop it. This is the opinion of Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Hoover views it as a tragedy that 1945, the year of victory abroad, proved a year of defeat on one of the most vital sectors of the home front.

Quoting from a maze of carefully compiled statistics, Hoover showed how crime in 2,000 U.S. cities increased 12.4 per cent. during 1945; an increase greater than any recorded in the past 15 years.

Incomplete figures for this year show the upward trend is continuing, despite an increase in strength of Federal and State police forces, and other measures taken to enforce law and order.

"Everywhere throughout the nation—murder, kidnapping, garroting, burglary, and criminal assault is increasing, but the most distressing feature, according to Hoover, is that present-day crime involves juveniles to an unheard-of extent."

Ugly Picture

Of all persons arrested last year, 21 per cent were under 21, and there were more arrests of 17-year-olds than any other age group.

Fifteen per cent. of murderers, 36 per cent. of robbers, 51 per cent. of burglars, 34 per cent. of thieves, 26 per cent. of incendiaries, 82 per cent. of car thieves, and 30 per cent. of rapists were under 20.

Current arrests of girl delinquents are 110 per cent. higher than in 1941, the last peacetime year.

This ugly picture, crime detection experts and sociologists declare, will continue at least some years.

One in every five juveniles arrested for crimes of violence last year came from war-broken homes.

One of the main problems facing the police is the constantly increasing flood of weapons being brought back from war fronts by soldiers.

One ship bringing 6,000 soldiers home alone brought 30,000 souvenir weapons.

Most of these weapons eventually fall into irresponsible hands, often those of juveniles bent on a career of crime.

"DRAGON" SERVICE

Cairo, Aug. 25.

The B.O.A.C. flying-boat "Hastemere", inaugurating a weekly "Dragon" service from Britain to Hong Kong, left Cairo for the Far East at 2.20 a.m. local time, after a four hours' halt, today. Reuter.

Concert Review

(By "Paul Fry")

Unlike Shanghai, Hong Kong is not blessed with a symphony orchestra and musicians have to depend on "canned fare" in one form or another—chiefly ZBW and its limited supply of gramophone records. The attendance (or lack of it) at the concert given yesterday by the Lingnan University Orchestra in the King's Theatre in aid of Lingnan Y.M.C.A. Free School was, therefore, not only disappointing, but surprising.

Not that this orchestra is to be compared with Shanghai's municipal orchestra. It is small and numbers a few good players—especially the Horn who, with a little more experience, should develop into a first-class performer on this most difficult of all instruments.

Some ten short of even Haydn's small orchestras, Lingnan is well-represented in the Strings, lacks a bassoon in the Wood-Winds and a tuba in the Brass. Another curious omission is in the Percussion, represented solely by one piano—no timpani. The piano, incidentally, was on the wrong side of the stage, with the result that on the rare occasions the player did glance at the conductor he had to stare back over his shoulder.

About half the orchestra is taken up with first and second violins, and frankly, some of them are either tone-deaf or need a lot more practice. They attacked Suppe's "Morning, Noon and Night" overture as if they were afraid it would hit back, and hard. Their tendency to drag was most noticeable in Tobani's "Hearts and Flowers," which in the days of silent films always accompanied the scene where the heroine and her poor chieftain went out into the dark and stormy night. Their frequent discords would have gladdened the heart of some of our so-called "modern composers."

The only time everyone got together was in the finale, Schubert's "Marche Militaire," which was played with gusto and accuracy and showed that the orchestra has the makings of a good one in it. Perhaps the players could do with a conductor who is more of a bully at rehearsals.

Professor Harry Ore gave three piano solos. Perhaps he chose the wrong pieces. But, having heard so much about him, your reviewer was, candidly, disappointed. It sounded too much like a music-teacher intent on putting one lesson over—timing. Interpretation, one feels, is several lessons away.

Hong Kong has been apathetic about self-government. It is apparently dead culturally. A pity—because given support and intelligent and critical listening, orchestras such as Lingnan would be encouraged to improve themselves and put on concerts only when they knew that they could do so with confidence and ability.

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Readers' Letters

Action Wanted

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Yesterday, at 11.15 a.m. a taxi which was trying to pass a stationary tramcar outside the Gloucester Hotel actually ran on to the Island and it was purely a matter of luck that no passengers were hurt from the third class, otherwise at least one unfortunate individual would have found himself or herself under the left front wheel of the taxi.

When, one may ask, are the authorities going to take action? There is always a moan that the Police force is short of personnel, but a walk round the Colony at any time of the day reveals that there are plenty of Chinese policemen who can find time to get together in groups of five or six and spend the time of the day chatting and joking at roadside coffee stalls. Could not one or two of these worthy policemen be persuaded to do duty at the more important tram stops and arrange to take a note of all motor tramcars which pass stationary tramcars?

SAFETY FIRST.

History

Sir.—I shall be much obliged if you will kindly spare a space in your valuable columns to convey a humble reply to Chinese National to whom I have to extend my heartfelt sympathy.

Though I have very definite ideas on Democracy it is not these that I would put forth in my letter, my object being at first to draw your readers' attention to the realities of history.

About two and a half decades ago a certain party with a powerful army, not unaided by foreign assistance, overthrew the then Government at Peking which was then called Peking. Though the Peking Government was enjoying recognition by the Powers, international self-interests make things very flexible, and as soon as circumstances suit their interest recognition to any new government may be accorded at once; and as the new government at Nanking answered to the interest of foreign Powers, recognition was accordingly accorded, unheeding by what sources the new government has derived its authority that claims to be that of a republic.

Once a government has gained recognition by the family of nations, besides enjoying numerous international privileges, it styles itself the formal authoritative government, and if any of its nationals dare to question its authority, even by local or constitutional means, they have to run the risk of being treated as rebels. To spare a little space I beg Chinese National to refer in the dictionary for the definition of the word "usurpation."

It is interesting to note that all members of the party in power are born politicians, for they are self-styled themselves as political leaders, and that the masses not of their party stood political tutelage the period for which is circumstantially elastic. Indeed, Chinese society is now strictly divided into two classes, the rulers and the ruled.

In the ancient and middle ages the belief and notion of "Anointed Magistrates" were utilized to keep the masses in subjection; but since the Duke of Burgundy propounded his famous theory "that kings were created for the benefit of the people, and not the people for the benefit of kings" mankind has broken their chains and tasted the sweets of liberty and enjoyed political rights. But the genius of a Chinese political party has invented "political tutelage" and resorted to political thralldom.

Historians ascribe the downfall of the civilizations of the ancient empires of Rome, Greece, Babylon and Egypt to the system of slavery, because riches and wealth, and other life blood flowed only to the upper half of the population while the lower half remained in utter misery.

When about two or three million Negroes were subjected to slavery there arose a Wilberforce and a Lincoln to fight and advocate their emancipation. When a large country like China is possessed by a few men whose words are laws, and when the destiny of a quarter of mankind depends upon the caprice of these few, it is time that those who steer the helm of mankind should view with concern it is time for thinkers to pause and ponder what actual difference is there between a foreign aggressor, conquering another country, subjecting the population of that conquered land to all kinds of disabilities, and an internal usurper who rules without any constitutional law, who levies taxes at will, and who is responsible to none but himself and his favourite henchmen whose diplomatic forms of deceptive propaganda amount almost to a science.

PRO PATRIA.

Butter Spread

Sir.—I see from the Dairy Farm and Lane, Crawford advertisements that once again ration card holders are to be allowed to have one 6½-lb. tin of "butter spread." This is indeed a generous ration, but I wonder if any of your readers could tell me how to make this stuff moderately palatable, especially to a youngster only just two years of age?

Baby refused to touch any of last month's ration, and after a couple of attempts at the strange, cheesy mixture, which—in the case of our tin, at any rate—won't spread and, merely crumbles up into somewhat odiferous lumps, my husband and I agree with her loudly-expressed verdict.

The result is we have barely touched last month's ration, which cost us nearly \$10. Butter is not an essential for us older folks, but it is in the case of the baby, as there seems to be no little in the way of good food for youngsters in the colony.

Is it all like that? I would like to hear from someone, as at the moment we are of the opinion it would be better of to take up our next ration of butter-spread but to spend the money instead on trying to get some butter or margarine from other sources.

MOTHER.

Answer To Correspondent

CORAY.—Several correspondents have provided us with the words of "Jealousy." Will you please call at this office for them?—Ed.

No

GRAVE DANGER TO PEACE

Ukraine Brings Charges Against Greece

Bombshell For Paris Talks

(By Harold King)

Paris, Aug. 25. The Eastern bloc dropped a bombshell into the relatively peaceful weekend atmosphere of the Paris conference last evening when the number one delegate of Ukraine, Foreign Minister Manuisky, announced that on behalf of his Government, he had sent a letter to the Security Council of the United Nations in New York, accusing the Greek Government of causing "grave danger to peace" in the Balkans. This letter was despatched by telegram last night. The letter states that "as a result of the irresponsible policy of the present Greek Government, a situation has arisen in the Balkans which represents a grave danger to peace and security in this part of Europe and which cause right-ful concern to all sincere champions of peace."

The letter adds: "Numerous border incidents on the Greek-Albanian frontier are being provoked by armed units of the Greek army with the connivance and encouragement of the Greek Government."

"These Greek detachments are systematically opening fire on Albanian frontier guards as well as on Albanian peasants engaged in agricultural work in the frontier areas."

The Ukrainian letter also accuses the Greek Government of "rendering an atmosphere still more tense by repeated statements of Greek representatives in public speeches, in the press and at the peace conference in Paris of the alleged state of war between Greece and Albania."

Threat To Peace

"The holding of a referendum under such conditions, when there are foreign troops in the country which support elements many of whom collaborated with the German and Italian invaders against those Greek patriots who courageously fought on the side of the Allies, is contrary to the war aims proclaimed by the Allied powers."

The Ukrainian letter requests the Security Council to place this situation on the agenda of the next meeting under Article 34 of the United Nations Charter and requests the Security Council to consider adopting measures without delay "in order to eliminate this threat to peace."

Britain Accused

The British Government is directly accused of responsibility for this alleged state of affairs. M. Manuisky wrote: "The principal factor conducive to the situation in the Balkans, as created by this policy of the present Greek Government, is the presence of British troops in Greece and the direct intervention of British representatives in the internal affairs of this Allied country on behalf of the aggressive monarchist elements, especially in the preparation of the referendum fixed for Sept. 1."

The Ukrainian Foreign Minister, Dr. Manuisky, questioned at the peace conference tonight about his demand for bringing the Greek "question" before the Security

Council, said: "We consider that the Greek policy is threatening a new division in the Balkans and as we are neighbours of the Balkans, we are vitally concerned."

"There is danger of Albania once again being used as a pawn in the international chessboard."

Charge Not Substantiated

He added: "The holding of a Greek referendum now is contrary to the earlier agreement and statements by Allied statesmen. Britain, America and France had agreed that the referendum should not be held before December, 1946."

Questioned as to the date of this agreement, Dr. Manuisky told reporters to get in touch with his secretary but later efforts to obtain information failed to produce any concrete statements.

Dr. Manuisky was also asked what he thought of the American ultimatum to Yugoslavia. He said that he considered it unjustified and declared that ultimatums were no way of conducting international relations. He added: "The world is tired of wars."

A British Foreign Office spokesman now in Paris with the British delegation said tonight that the Ukrainian letter "will certainly not tend to improve the atmosphere of the peace conference negotiations."

A Reprisal?

He added that it was difficult to comment on the situation but that it was well known that Albanian bands had been invading Greek territory from time to time. The spokesman thought that the Ukrainian move might be a reprisal to the American proposal to charge Yugoslavia with violation of peace before the Security Council.

The agenda for the Security Council meeting next Wednesday has already been issued. It is restricted to the report of the committee on new members, but the Ukrainian demand has been received within the time limit for consideration next week and it is likely that the Security Council will debate it at the second meeting, possibly on Thursday.

Vienna, Aug. 25. Telephone communications between Vienna and Belgrade were resumed today after a 24-hour block. No explanation for the interruption was given.—Associated Press.

PLAIN CITIZENS INTERVENE

Washington, Aug. 25.

Personal intervention of "plain American citizens" resulted today in the holding up of a shipment of surplus war goods to Yugoslavia. A Washington consulting engineer objected to the proposed delivery of war surplus ice-making machines to Yugoslavia through UNRRA.

An as a result of the stir created by telegrams of protest and telephone calls to the State Department, the Treasury War Assets Administration and UNRRA's Regional Director, it was decided to delay the shipment pending a review of the case.—Reuter.

Land Girl Eloped With A German

Dover, Aug. 25.

An attractive British Land Army girl was charged here today with stealing a small yacht which carried her and a German prisoner of war, identified as a son of Hitler's one-time master engineer, to Calais, in a thwarted flight to Germany.

The girl is Doris Blake, aged 25. She was hustled back to England by a channel steamer under police guard.

The yacht, the Lalum, and bronzed Alexander Todd, aged 24, veteran of the Afrika Corps and son of Fritz Todd, builder of the German West Wall defenses, were also returned.

French police who arrested the couple at Calais quoted Doris Blake as saying she had fallen in love with Todd and was trying to reach Germany with him. She was ordered to be held for hearing next Thursday.—Associated Press.

Frankfurt, Aug. 25.

The American News Service, quoting a communique issued by the headquarters of the Third United States Army, tonight said that 636 Soviet citizens, who were taken prisoner in the uniform of the German army, have now been handed over to the Soviet authorities.—Reuter.

Comedy Of Banners In Tel-Aviv

Tel-Aviv, Aug. 25.

The Jewish underground today bombarded the Jews with leaflets to rally them to passive resistance against the British and raised banners urging the Jews to "volunteer for the liberation army" as armoured cars patrolled this tense all-Jewish city.

As quickly as police tore down the banners of the "liberation army" along the Allenby Road, the main business thoroughfare in Tel-Aviv, others appeared suspended from the power lines in the middle of the street.

The banners were signed by the Irgun Zvai Leumi, one of the offshoots of Hagana.—Associated Press.

Russia Swinging Further Away

(By W. Gallagher.)

Berlin, Aug. 25.

Diplomatic quarters in Berlin view the release of Maxim Litvinov from the post of Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister as an indication of Russia's growing trend toward anti-capitalism and a blow to those whose belief is that the Soviet Union will depend fully on international conference tables to settle her disputes.

Litvinov was looked upon by his fellow diplomats as the strongest advocate of Russian participation in international bodies such as the League of Nations and the United Nations to settle all differences, and a believer that Communist Russia and the capitalist nations could reconcile their views by arbitration.

Litvinov's influence in the all-powerful Politburo, which makes Russian foreign policy, has apparently waned steadily in recent years.

It is generally believed that the Politburo has been divided into three schools of thought:

War Or Peace

(1) That Communist Russia cannot live in peace with a cap-

Tito Says Not Their Fault

Belgrade, Aug. 25.

Marshal Josip Tito, the head of the Yugoslav state, said here today that the second incident in which a United States plane was involved over Yugoslavia was "unfortunate, but not our fault."

Speaking at Bled, where he is staying, he referred to the appearance over Bled on Aug. 19 of a U.S. aircraft. "After my attention had been drawn to the noise of the engines in the sky, I saw one of our fighters circling round a plane flying over Ljubljana," Tito said. "Then I heard what seemed to be a short burst of machine-gun fire, followed by a louder noise which sounded like a crash to the ground. Two hours later I received a report that an American plane had been over Ljubljana and when our fighters rose and signalled it to land it turned southeast. It was brought back but stubbornly tried to fly to the Austrian frontier. These are real facts and it is regrettable that the events were so distorted abroad and Yugoslavia made out as the guilty party, disturbing relations between the allies."

"We have asked for nothing but respect for our sovereignty and have shown the greatest possible patience," Tito said that after the second incident, strict orders had been given not to shoot at such planes, but to ask them to land and if they refused, to take their numbers and nationality.—Reuter.

Rioting In Delhi

New Delhi, Aug. 25.

Sixteen are officially reported injured in a riot this evening in the old city of Delhi. A curfew is being enforced between 10.30 p.m. and 4.30 a.m., and an order has been issued prohibiting the public assembling in the streets for three days.

A Reuter report from Allahabad states that five people were killed in yesterday's disturbances there. Special police squads are still patrolling the city and a curfew is being strictly enforced.

Five are reported to have been injured in a clash between Kashmiris and Punjabis at Pahalgam, the health resort in Kashmir state. Seven were arrested after police reinforcements had been rushed from Srinagar.—Reuter.

NEW VOICE IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, Aug. 25.

A new secret broadcasting station, the "Voice of Tel Aviv" on the air for the first time this morning, advised the inhabitants of Tel Aviv, in case of new searches by the military, not to divulge their identity.

The exceptions were the Mayor, members of the municipality and heads of vital services, who might identify themselves, the radio said.

It is believed here that the station is being operated by the "Haganah", the Jewish resistance movement.—Reuter.

PERSIA DENIES HELP APPEAL

Teheran, Aug. 25.

The Persian Government today strongly denied foreign news agency reports (not from Reuter) that the Persian Prime Minister, Ghassem Sultaneh, had asked the United States Ambassador in Teheran for United States intervention in view of the Russian activities in Northern Persia and the British in South Persia.

The Prime Minister's policy has always been based on the principle that there should be no foreign intervention in Persian affairs, it was added.—Reuter.

early a clash of arms but of an ideological and economic conflict between Communist Russia on one hand and the capitalist world on the other.

Looking upon the western world with suspicion and with a firm belief that their country was particularly the Red Army is irresistible, as a result of the performance in World War Two and the attitude of the capitalists toward the Soviet Union, the Communists are determined to bring about a world revolution.

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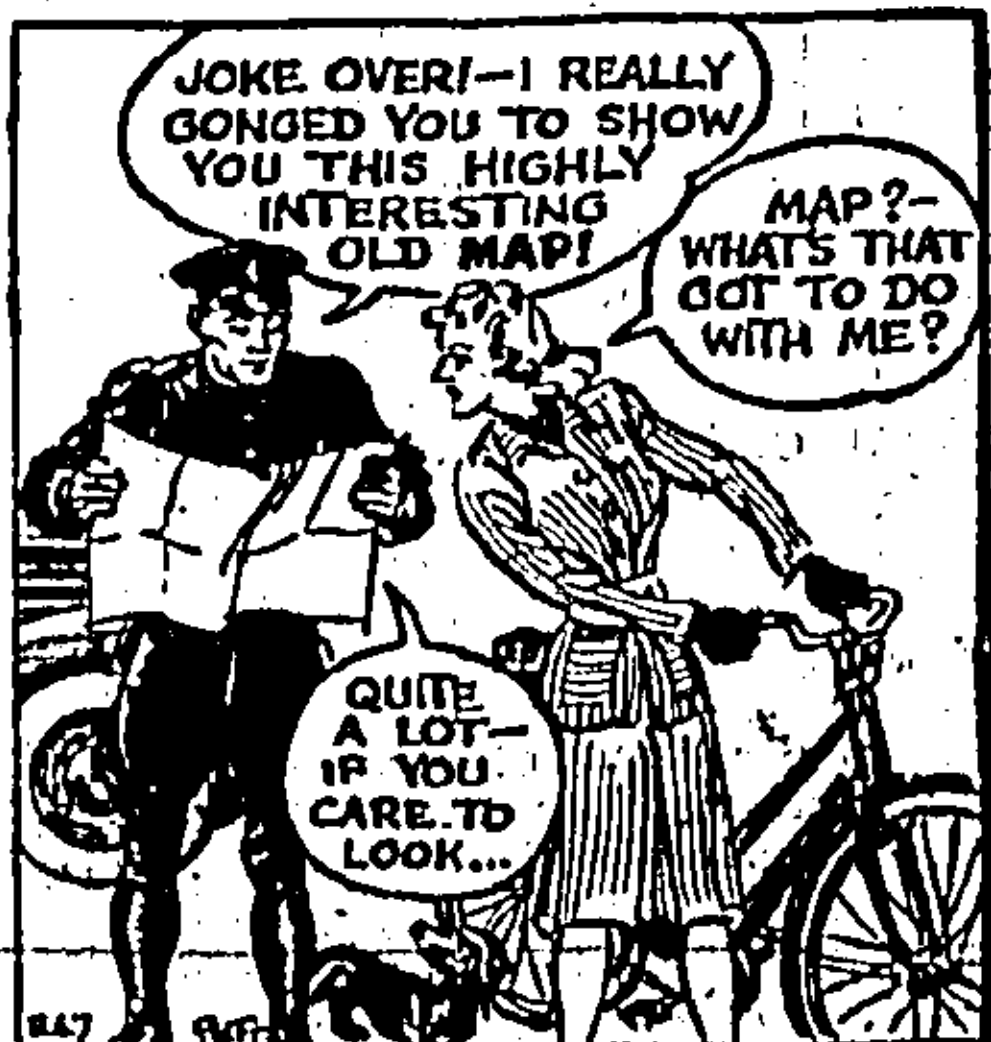
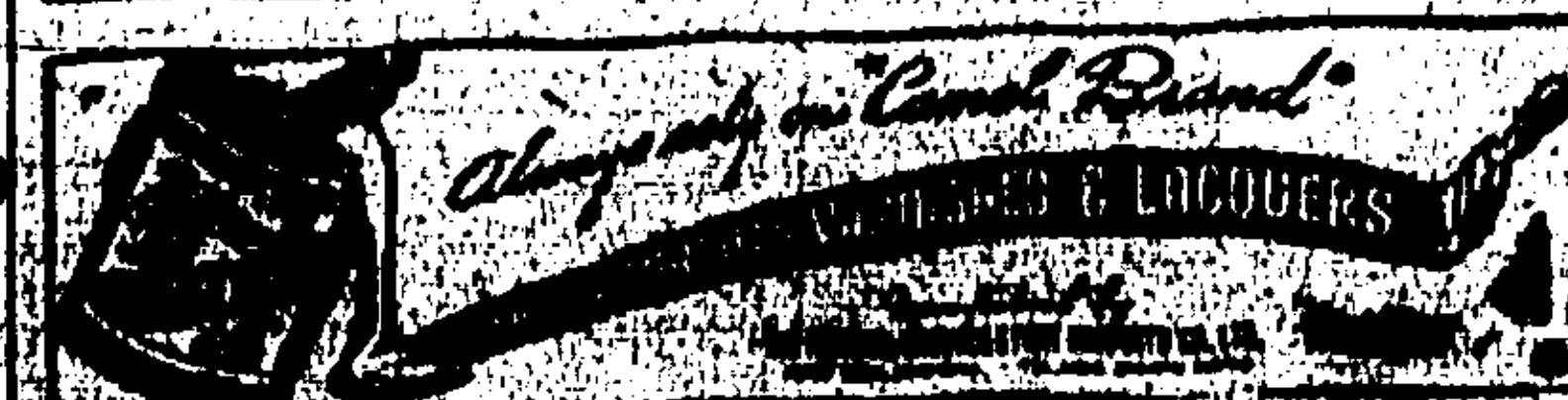
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WHICH WAY U.N.O.?

Unless there is a sharp change in the course of the United Nations, it is going to prove its impotence more quickly than did the League of Nations. Russia's repeated use of the veto has climaxed a series of performances by the Security Council which has dampened popular hopes.

The peoples of the world have been led to look upon the Council as a world policeman, empowered to enforce peace. Under the Charter it was designed to give the big powers a voice proportionate to their strength and special responsibility to maintain peace. But the idea of maintaining peace by force was definitely in the picture and the Council was charged with certain executive functions.

The total result of the various manoeuvres to date has been frustration—plus confusion and discouragement of the people. Of course it is not U.N.'s fault. Indeed, the United Nations by its very name reminds us that it consists only of its members and is not a separate, self-acting entity. And it is because the nations are unwilling to give up a larger measure of sovereignty that they do not really put their hearts into U.N. Each one fears that if the policeman has real power he may enforce the community will upon him.

It is necessary to recognise that the Security Council can perform useful functions in clarifying the issues in any situation and in bringing the nations together around a council table. But too often its sessions are mere shadow-boxing with little relation to vital decisions—which are made by the Foreign Ministers in their meetings. And unless the peoples insist on endowing U.N. with more power they will themselves lose faith in it.

When the Security Council meets this week it will have the Ukrainian protest against Greece before it and, possibly, the somewhat involved dispute between the United States and Yugoslavia. Either or both these questions may well be the issue that will determine the United Nations' future.

STALIN'S CLASSIC CZARIST POLICY

Whether or not the Russian note to Turkey demanding a share in the control of the Black Sea Straits was deliberately timed to have an effect on the atmosphere in the Paris Conference, one can only speculate. But it certainly has had an effect, and that effect has certainly not been helpful.

As so often happens, it is not only the matter but the manner of the Soviet demand which is disturbing. It shows again the evident desire, and indeed the determination, of the Soviet

BY
 W.N. EWER

Government to follow, wherever it considers its own interests to be involved, a purely Russian line of policy without co-operation or even consultation with its allies.

It shows again the strong desire of the Kremlin to make of all South-eastern Europe a sort of closed area, in the affairs of which Russia shall have a completely dominating influence, and from which all other States shall be as far as possible excluded. It is notable that "Pravda" last week, commenting on the Soviet note, called for "an end of the interference of non-Black Sea Powers in the Straits." It was preceded by an intensive campaign of abuse of Turkey and the Turkish Government, coupled with renewed hints that unless Turkey becomes more compliant towards her powerful neighbour she may be faced with peremptory demands for the "liberation" of Cars and Ardashan and their annexation by the Soviet Republic of Armenia.

As usual, the Soviet Government does not discuss, it demands.

Montreux Convention

Yet most of the changes which the Soviet Government wishes to have made in the rules concerning passage of shipping through the Straits are, in themselves, quite reasonable, are likely to find no opposition either from Turkey or from the other signatories of the Montreux Convention, and could certainly have been secured by normal and ordinary processes of negotiation.

It is generally agreed that the Straits should be free for the merchant shipping of all countries. It is generally agreed that, so far as warships are concerned, the Black Sea countries should have a special and privileged position; that only their warships enjoy unlimited and unrestricted right of passage.

It is the two further demands which can hardly be acceptable either to Turkey or to the maritime Powers.

For the Russian note insists that "the responsibility for establishing the regime for the Straits must lie with Turkey and other Black Sea Powers."

Now, for over a century the regime in the Straits has been a matter of international agreements. It is governed at present by the Montreux Convention of 1936, and can only be lawfully changed with the consent of the signatories of that Convention.

Dangerous Precedent

The Russian demand, in fact, comes very near to a suggestion that Turkey should concert with the Soviet Union in tearing up an international treaty. That is a procedure which, if it were to succeed, would, to say the least of it, create a strange and dangerous precedent for the future of international law and international organisation.

The fifth paragraph demands that the defence of the Straits must be jointly organised by Turkey and the Soviet Union "to prevent their use by other States for purposes hostile to the Black Sea Powers."

The Turks have no doubt of the real meaning of that phrase. It means the establishment of Russian garrisons on the shores of the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles; Russian military domination of Istanbul; and the forcing of Turkey into a completely dependent relationship with the Soviet Union.

Nor are Turkish anxieties lessened by the fact that the presentation of this Russian demand for control of the Straits comes at the same moment as Soviet championship of Bulgarian demands for annexation of Western Thrace and for the establishment of Bulgarian ports on the Aegean. For were Bulgaria to secure this territory, Turkey would be cut off from Greece and would have no land connection with Europe except through Russian-controlled territory.

The whole plan, like so much else in Soviet policy today, is simply a reversion to classic Czarist policy. It is an endeavour to go right back to the days before the Treaty of Berlin.

Old-Fashioned Thinking

Nor can one see any justification for the making of such dangerous claims, especially at the present time. The only argument which the Russians seem to adduce is that Turkey is not in herself strong enough to undertake the responsibility of safeguarding the Straits against "use by other States for purposes hostile to the Black Sea Powers."

That is slightly old-fashioned thinking. For the chances of any Power attempting in modern conditions to force a passage through the Straits, and so to send a fleet into the Black Sea, are entirely negligible. Even with Turkish compliance, no sane admiral would dream of committing ships to such a mad adventure.

But even were it admitted that Turkey is, herself, not able to undertake full responsibility for custodianship of the Straits, then surely the right thing would be to associate with her not one Power but the Security Council of the United Nations.

But over and above all this, the real issue is the manner in which any alteration of the present international law on the subject of the Straits is to be brought about. Both Turkey and the Western Powers accept the thesis that a change is desirable. But they must insist that it shall be brought about by free negotiation between all partners to the present arrangement; and, above all, there can be no question of coercing Turkey by threats or by the show of force into any surrender of her independence or of her sovereign rights.

PONTIFF HOPES FOR JUST PEACE

Rome, Aug. 25.

From his summer home at Castel Gandolfo, Pope Pius today pressed a button that illuminated by radio a newly erected cross at Monte Amiata in Tuscany.

The cross was destroyed in 1944 during the fighting between the Germans and the Allies.

As the Pontiff pressed the button, thousands of people gathered around the cross and began to sing. Speaking briefly by radio, the Pope reiterated his hopes for a just peace.

Associated Press.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"And with these signs people will think, until we get a new car, that we've just borrowed Junior's for some reason or other!"

WEST END OF THE FAR EAST

Tens of thousands of men are stationed on Hong Kong. Most of them want to get home, back to Clivity Street but demobilisation is a lengthy process. Their morale must be maintained, they must be amused; so the theatrical resources of Britain and Australia are being drawn upon.

During the past few months London's leading actor, John Gielgud, has appeared in the Colony with Australian Corpl Brown; the Anglo-Polish Ballet has given a season there; so have the music hall stars, Elsie and Doris Waters, the Great Levante's magic show, the Stella Wilson recital group, and the British Central Revue Company.

Roger Livesey (Colonel Blimp) is scheduled to produce "The Barretts of Wimpole Street" there, and it is hoped that Mary Glynn will appear shortly in "Ladies in Retirement."

BY
 WILFRID THOMAS

ment" and that Tommy Trinder will bring his variety show up from Singapore. So the lucky six hundred who patronise Kowloon Garrison Theatre nightly enjoy infinitely better theatrical fare than anyone in Australia.

For the benefit of personnel in outlying commando camps, air force bases, hospitals, and ships, show companies which can adapt themselves to improvised conditions, travel by jeep and truck.

In addition, there are the ubiquitous movies, open to civilians as well as Service people. For Chinese patrons whose English is limited, to "cushaw" and "allee il," and who can't cope with the soundtrack, translations are projected onto a small screen by the side of the main sheet, by means of hundreds of slides per feature.

Many dance halls are "in bounds" to the troops, and some have excellent bands, mainly Filipino.

You buy your ticket, select your partner from the line-up of demure taxi-dancers. If you are "in the chips" you may even invite one to sit at your table. The rate may be 50 dollars an hour, and some of the "queen" hostesses make a thousand dollars a week (about £75) by just sitting and looking pretty.

Although thirty million Chinese are starving off starvation by eating grass, bark, and clay, there are plenty of others who can afford the luxuries of Hong Kong, thanks to war-time rations.

Most revolutionary of all, microphones are now installed, including boom "mikes" which follow the actors—about the stage, and to the songs and symbols and squeaky clarinets, are now added saxophones, violins and trumpets, though they still play without harmony.

The East is not as unchanging as the story-books say, but somehow one did not expect to see change in the traditional theatre. Come to think of it, there is change on every hand. No people can experience modern warfare and enemy occupation and stay the same.

on a voluntary basis. (I was amused to see a colonel pop in one day to read the news.) So the programmes are chiefly of gramophone records. The library of discs, used by the Japanese when they took over, was left undamaged, and I had a queer feeling when I found a record of my own voice which the Nips had broadcast. Needles are scarce, so the tin is kept in the director's safe, and, at one crisis, only three days' supply stood between the station and silence!

They have recording gear, but no platters. They hope to initiate a broadcasting service to schools if the finance controllers will agree. Singapore Station is doing a significant job of re-educating the Asians within its coverage through its schools broadcasts and documentaries portraying Britain, in Cantonese, Malay, Tamil, Hokkien, and Hindustani, as well as English.

Finally, Hong Kong has its Chinese theatres. The traditional plays are still performed with highly stylised acting, gestures and postures to the rhythm of an orchestra which sits on stage. Much is left to the imagination; the horse, the hero rides is invisible, he enters the house by stepping over an imaginary threshold.

When my friend, Mr. Loh Pun Chiew, South China's popular young actor-manager, fights the enemy army, comprising three acrobats with spears, you are treated to a gymnastic display of agile grace and precise timing. The characters are identified by their exaggerated make-up and symbolic costumes.

The comedian, for instance, always has a white nose, but ours often has a red one. The dialogue, in verse of no high literary quality, is spoken in an artificial manner to the beat of a wood-block, and then sung in a contrived falsetto. The property man still wanders about the stage during the action; he hasn't been noticed yet. The audience enjoys itself in obvious fashion, as English ones used to in Shakespeare's time, and if an actor makes a mistake it bombards him with sugar cane.

But the Chinese theatre has been slightly modernised since I was last there. Then, a few simple properties indicated the scenery. They were moved on and off the stage in full view of the audience. Now, a curtain is lowered after each scene, and the naturalistic scenery is changed in the Western way, while the band plays.

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STABBED IN SEVEN PLACES

Simla, Aug. 25.
Sir Shafat Ahmed Khan, a member of the newly-appointed Indian interim government was stabbed in seven places by two young men last night while returning from a walk.
The attackers escaped, leaving their victim unconscious. He was later taken to hospital.
Sir Shafat Ahmed Khan, a non-League Muslim, was formerly Indian High Commissioner for South Africa.—Reuter.
A later Reuter report from New Delhi states that Sir Shafat was said to be out of danger.

Serious
A Civil surgeon said, in a telephone conversation from Simla, that Sir Shafat was stabbed seven times in the head, chest and neck. He added that Sir Shafat's condition was serious but that he was not in danger.
The Civil surgeon said that he understood the new Minister was attacked by two young men while he was strolling and was left unconscious. He said coolies picked up Sir Shafat and carried him to his house and thence to hospital.
The surgeon said that there has been no arrests. The authorities in Simla said that the attack was "obviously political."—Associated Press.

D.N.R.A. Appeal To America

Shanghai, Aug. 25.
Another appeal to the United States Government to "take steps in the re-orientation of its foreign policy towards China" has been made by the Democratic National Reconstruction Association here, a group of over 50 influential Chinese financial, industrial, economic and publishing organizations.
Some weeks ago the Association urged the United States in an open letter to confine its aid to China "within the limits of promoting her democratic unity and expediting her economic reconstruction."
In its latest statement, the Association said that China should serve as a "bridge of fraternity" between the United States and Russia, and should adopt a "balanced and impartial policy" towards these two great powers.
It warned that if the United States should make use of China as a strategic base against Russia, "and should our government be willing to act as an anti-Soviet spearhead," then the consequences would "undoubtedly undo and obliterate the noble efforts of General Marshall and Dr. Leighton Stuart and would render the assistance given to China by the United States meaningless."
"The foreign policy of our government," the statement said, "should be determined aimed at securing the peace and order of our country as well as of the world."
The Association then appealed to General Marshall and Dr. Stuart to continue their efforts to bring about a democratic and unified China; called on the Kuomintang and Communist parties to cease fighting immediately; and urged an early reorganization of the government on a broad political basis.
It added that early cessation of civil strife and an improvement in the efficiency of the national administration were absolutely imperative to save China's agricultural, industrial and commercial enterprises from bankruptcy.—Reuter.

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NEW U.S. FOREIGN POLICY? America To Demonstrate There Are No Soft Spots On Her Diplomatic Front

Limit To Russian "Expansionism"

(By Paul Scott-Rankine)

Washington, Aug. 25.
Behind the spate of United States notes to Russia and Soviet influences in the States this week, there is evidence of a new American foreign policy aimed at drawing a line beyond which "Russian expansionism" cannot go without risking collision with the United States.
Well-informed quarters here consider these diplomatic strokes to be the outcome of the re-orientation of American policy agreed upon by President Truman in consultation with his foreign diplomatic and military advisers just before leaving on his vacation cruise last week.

Qualified observers here believe that those responsible for forming American foreign policy regard the forcing down of United States planes in Yugoslavia as only one of a series of incidents planned by Russia with the following three objects: 1. Russian diplomacy is feeling out for "soft spots" in the United States diplomatic front wherever Russian and American interests are at variance; 2. Russia is seeking to wrest the leadership of the Western powers and Asia from the United States; 3. Russia is endeavouring to force the U.S. to withdraw from Europe and to militarily play on the fears of the sensitive American public opinion and the desire of the American people to see their men in occupation forces come home. Russia would be playing also on the willingness of political opposition to President Truman to exploit such sentiments in the election year.

No Soft Spots
Having assessed this as the Russian position, moulders of American policy here are now engaged in demonstrating that there are no soft spots along the United States diplomatic front and that the area of concession marked by the Tehran, Yalta and Potsdam conferences is over. The State Department backed up its notes with deliberately planted "leakages" of information attributed to "high authorities" in off-the-record statements that the United States would not remain aloof if Russia or Russia-allied states tried any direct action either in the Dardanelles or Trieste.
President Truman has not only decided on a new and more positive policy abroad—probably more realistic and more interventionist in relation to Europe than any adopted by the United States, but he has decided on one with a new technique, which had for a long time previously been opposed by the State Department—"a show of force".
Officials here describe the visit of the giant aircraft carrier Franklin D. Roosevelt and the accompanying U.S. Fleet to the Mediterranean as a naval demonstration of force, designed to back up the new diplomacy both at the peace conference and in relation to the Dardanelles controversy. There has been considerable alarm here at the weakness of the United States in Europe.
The Yugoslav incident could give the U.S. its "excuse" for strengthening and remobilising its depleted air forces on the Continent, but this is not yet contemplated as the naval forces can be moved to back up the occupying armies with greater ease. If the series of European incidents continue to increase the present tension, President Truman is unofficially reported to be willing to back up United States diplomacy even to the point of calling Congress into a special session this autumn and asking for legislation revising the selective service system and enabling trained reserves to be called into service.—Reuter.

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Britain's Task In India
London, Aug. 24.
The British task in India is to hold the balance fair, declared Mr. R. A. Butler, M.P. and former Under-Secretary for India, here tonight.
"There will be neither tranquility in India nor unity of policy at home if the fundamental principles of British policy towards India are lightly and irresponsibly disregarded."
"Many of us who do not share with the Government and the Viceroy the arduous responsibility for the present situation in India have attempted in all we have said and done to encourage the confident belief that Indian self-government is the policy and aim of all parties in Britain."
"During the interim period the responsibility of the Viceroy to Parliament as laid down in the 1935 Constitution should be a reality."
"The responsibility of the future constitution should be transferred to the organs of a government so constituted as to command the consent of the principal minorities, or at least to safeguard their rights and interests effectively."—Reuter.

FOUR G.I.s. KILLED

Rome, Aug. 25.
The Italian News Agency Ansa reported today that four American Negro soldiers were killed on Saturday night in a two-hour battle with Italian police in the principal square of Livorno.
The despatch said five Italian civilians were injured during the fighting, which started with a fist-fight between two soldiers.—Associated Press.

Russia Has "Rights" In Dardanelles

Moscow, Aug. 25.
Professor E. Adamov, writing in "Yevstia," claims that "historical facts show that Russia, in its time, had possessed rights" in the Dardanelles.
Referring to the Russian proposal that the Soviet Union be granted joint control with Turkey over the Straits, the entrance to the Black Sea, Professor Adamov added:
"The Soviet proposal for reconstruction of the Montreux Convention is fully founded and historically justified. This proposal will remove the interference of any Black Sea powers in the regime of the Straits which, during their age old history, has made it impossible to establish peace and security on the Black Sea and in the Straits."—Associated Press.

U.S.-Yugoslav Dispute Still Hanging Fire

Washington, Aug. 25.
The fate of the United States Government note to Yugoslavia on the shooting down of United States aircraft was still not known in Washington today.

The State Department is understood to be awaiting receipt of an official report from Richard Patterson, the United States Ambassador to Yugoslavia, and instructions from Mr. James F. Byrnes, the United States Secretary of State in Paris before reaching a decision whether Marshal Tito's release of the U.S. fliers shot down on Aug. 9 has constituted compliance with the terms of the United States ultimatum.

It is indicated in official quarters here that it may be some time after the expiration of the time limit given in the United States demand before the U.S. Government is able to determine, on the basis of reports from Belgrade, whether Marshal Tito has complied with the terms. It was not expected, therefore that the United States will decide today whether to submit the case to the Security Council or not.

Officials still declined to say the exact time the warning was due to expire.
American News Agency reports that the United States does not consider Yugoslavia has complied with the terms of the United States demand and that the U.S. may still take the case to the United Nations Security Council, are stated to be incorrect and not borne out by a transcript of the press conference given by Dean Acheson, the acting United States Secretary of State. He repeatedly went out of his way to emphasise that the decision could not be reached until further information was available. He refused to speculate either way on future developments of the situation.—Reuter.

"Intentional"
Belgrade, Aug. 25.
"Borba," the organ of the Yugoslav Communist party, said today that the landing of two American planes on Yugoslav territory was intentional, "so as to give the grounds for a premeditated campaign against Yugoslavia. All this occurred when Yugoslavia's prestige increased at the peace conference," the newspaper said.
"As incidents provoked by the Allied occupation authorities and Fascist gangs in their occupation zones were considered insufficient to poison the atmosphere, American and British squadrons, while shifting the blame on Yugoslavia, flew over the Yugoslav frontiers just as if they were over Honduras or Transjordan."
Borba added: "The American, British and French press campaign against Yugoslavia began as it upon orders from above. The American press carried a torrent of incorrect and tendentious information while the British press backs up the American, and the French press under a mask of alleged objectivity, repeats various untrue reports which have in reality been concocted and disseminated by propaganda organs."

Soviet Russia's New "Purge"

(By Eric Downton)

Moscow, August 25.
A sweeping purge to eliminate graft and corruption is in full swing throughout Soviet Russia. As the fourth five-year plan comes into force and gathers impetus, the Soviet authorities are taking a determined step to stop malpractices which developed during the war, and to tighten labour discipline.
Several other important campaigns are going on simultaneously—to raise the disciplinary standards and ethical codes and conceptions of the armed forces; to strengthen the Communist party; to improve the general public level of knowledge of Marxist and Leninist ideology; and to stamp out post-war waves of hooliganism and crime.

The Soviet newspapers, which do not report crimes or court cases, have recently been recording the punishment of offenders who accepted bribes or falsified accounts, production figures and other statistics, and the Ministry of State Control has announced the prosecution of officials, including highly placed directors.
There has been an artificial inflation of production statistics in coal mines and Diesel works by directors, to qualify for state bonuses. Other defendants criminally misappropriated Government funds and misused workers' money. Officials who took bribes for the allocation of rooms and living space, concealing absenteeism or giving accommodation on trains, have received prison sentences of up to ten years.

"Un-Soviet"
Individuals and concerns charged with inefficiency and "Un-Soviet" methods of work, have been named and sharply criticised or lampooned in the Soviet newspapers. The Ministry of Agricultural Machine-Building has been severely criticised for permitting some of the greatest factories to turn out low quality and defective tractors and other farming equipment.
The Department of Propaganda and Agitation of the Central Committee of the Communist Party has just begun publishing a fortnightly journal "Culture and Life" intended to guide and correct Soviet writers, entertainment producers, actors, publishers and other intelligentsia.

"Full Of Passion"
"Those writers and producers are hopelessly mistaken who suppose that the Soviet people, after a war, want only relaxation and diversion," the Journal says. "Soviet Literature and art must be full of passion and deep thought impregnated with the ideas of Soviet patriotism."
In schools and universities, in factories, mines and on the farms, in the Army and the Navy, the need for a higher level of Marxist and Leninist ideological knowledge is being inculcated by newspapers, pamphlets, radio and public meetings.
Within the ranks of the Communist party too, there is a drive to improve the "ideological consciousness" and knowledge of the doctrine and to tighten party discipline.
In Moscow, the efficacy of the steps to counteract the increase of the crime rate is already obvious. There have been fewer reports of theft, burglary and murder and a number of armed military patrols, including mounted troops, on the capital's streets at night, has been reduced.—Reuter.

"Inspiration"
"Father is God and Intelligence. It is through the inspiration of the Father that I can remember 800 waltzes and fox-trots without a sheet of music. I had three years and nine months' tuition on the piano and I play for many dances. It is inspiration that I play."
The angels sang about 40 hymns. They sang with closed eyes, swaying and sometimes clapping with the music.
One said that the Father's marriage was the "beginning of one and end of another world, which meant the beginning for all."
The angels closed the meeting by singing "Leave It All to Father. He knows what to do."—Reuter.

Turkey And Yugoslavia
Istanbul, Aug. 25.
Unofficial but reliable sources said today that Turkey had demanded that Yugoslavia inform her immediately of the condition of the Turkish captain who was wounded in the August 9 shooting down of an American transport plane by Yugoslav fighters.
These sources said Turkey also demanded that the Yugoslav Government take immediate steps to prepare to release the officer, identified as Captain Ruzan Unshan.
All the other occupants of the plane have been released.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER
General situation:—Pressure remains high to the north of Japan and over the Dutch East Indies. An indefinite low pressure area covers most of China and Indo-China.
The typhoon is 600 miles south of Tokyo and at 0800 hours (G.M.T.) is moving east north east at 15 knots and continuing to lose intensity.
Today's forecast:—Moderate to south east winds, some periods of showers, but with considerable bright intervals.
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Leave It All To Father

Sydney, Aug. 25.
Sydney has its "sister and brother angels," followers of Father Divine, the Black Messiah of America.

They said they were convinced that Father Divine's marriage was sacred and the beginning of a new world. Father Divine was married last April to a 21-year-old Canadian girl, Miss Edna Rose Kitching.
The marriage was kept secret until recently when the Black Messiah introduced his wife to his followers at a sumptuous banquet at New York (New Jersey).
On August 14, a reporter of the "Sydney Daily Telegraph" attended a fortnightly "Cultures and Life" intended to guide and correct Soviet writers, entertainment producers, actors, publishers and other intelligentsia.

Ten sisters and one brother gathered in a tiny room in Bathurst Street (Sydney) where a notice proclaimed: "God Father Divine concentrates all thought." Four pictures of the Messiah hung on the walls of the room. The pianist sister-angel was late. She swept into the room chanting: "Peace, peace, praise Father."
She told the reporter that many people did not understand the significance of the wonders of the Father. "I will try to make it clear so that it can be reported for all to understand," she added.

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